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Welcome to the Venango Voice



YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR PAPER, YOUR VOICE

Venango Voice

The editorial team would like to welcome you to the new *Venango Voice*. For returning students you may ask, "What is new?" The answer is, "A lot."

There is a new team of editors for this year's *Voice*. Doug Bussell and Ann Parys are at the helm as co-editors. Both are excited about the opportunity to bring to you a paper guided by the motto "Your Campus, Your Paper, Your Voice."

The first thing you may notice is the change in overall format. Both Ann and Doug wanted to change the template used

for the *Voice*. As Ann stated "We wanted to have our finger prints on it (the *Voice*); and the best way is to change the look to something new."

Another change is the addition of Sudoku puzzles. Many students and faculty requested some sort of mind-flexing puzzle be included. According to Doug, "Sudoku puzzles are the latest craze right now, the readers asked for them and they shall receive."

Another addition is a *Venango Voice* Website. The site (still under construction) will include back issues, polls, and whatever

else can be crammed into the *Voice*'s little spot of cyberspace. The Website address is <http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~vvoice>.

The staff of the *Voice* is eager to hear your suggestions on what you would like to see in your *Venango Voice*. Either stop by their office in 226 Montgomery Hall or send them an e-mail at vvoice@clarion.edu and let them know what you think.

Happy Reading

The Voice Wants (Needs) You

The motto of this year's *Voice* is "Your Campus, Your Paper, Your Voice." The editors cannot fulfill its goals alone—they need your help. Your paper is seeking individuals to join its writing team. If you can read this, you can write an article. You may write any kind of article on almost any subject.

Specifically, the editors seek someone who enjoys music and can produce a weekly column on new CDs, local bands, national bands, or concert reports on any kind of music—country, rock, classical. If it has a clef note, it qualifies as music.

Sports will also play an important roll in your paper, if someone will come forward and write articles dealing with sports. It does not have to be football or baseball, nor do you have to cover a Pittsburgh team (but they should be included). Again, it's your paper so you may choose to write about the sports you enjoy. The editors would be grateful for an article on poll tossing if you have some knowledge in that arena.

Do not think music and sports are all the editorial staff is looking for; they are just a two subjects on a long list.

Movie reviews, outdoor activities, theater, and restaurant critiques are also on the list along with political opinions, social issues, and moral quandaries. The list is only limited by your imagination.

The *Venango Voice* office is in 226 Montgomery Hall. Stop in and join the team or e-mail the editorial staff at vvoice@clarion.edu. You never know, you could win a Pulitzer Prize for your work, or just some extra credit from your English professor. The sky is the limit.

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- *Mid Semester Break* October 6-9
- *Thanksgiving Break* November 22-27
- *Semester Ends* December 15
- *Spring Semester Begins* January 16

Venango Vision Leadership Institute by Hope Lineman

Did you know Venango Campus is home to a leadership program? Venango Vision is beginning its second year and is offered at Clarion University—Venango Campus through the Division of Continuing Education. The university is committed to being an integral part of the community and is poised to continue to support and provide opportunities benefitting our community and Venango County. The program is great for students to not only learn leadership skills in which they can use both personally and professionally; but also a great networking experience for when it is time to seek employment.

The economy and lifestyles are changing daily and bringing both challenges and opportunities for growth and expansion in Venango County. Many aspects of everyday life need attention by dedicated individuals, including issues such as water quality, land use, health care, human services, and economic development. There are issues regarding housing, medical care, education, and transportation requiring vision and strong leadership. The issues are complex and solutions are often complicated. It is a situation that calling out for leadership.

Venango Vision Regional Leadership Institute was created to help develop leaders who can provide needed vision and direction.

A board consisting of 30 corporate, business, and community members was established to monitor and support the program. Board members represent the banking industry, manufacturing, education, utility, commissions, sole proprietors, and human services in the local area.

The *Venango Vision Regional Leadership Institute* is an investment in the area's greatest resource—its current leaders, emerging leaders, and future leaders. The program merits support of all organizations and individuals concerned about rural areas of Pennsylvania such as ours. The program is to focus on Venango County's interests. The program is unique in that it brings three tracts of people together—youth, emerging, and seasoned leaders to work together on community projects.

Participants can expect enhanced leadership skills, including interpersonal skills, understanding how organizations function, analytical skills, understanding public issues, understanding government

and business, and understanding global economy.

Participants of the program will be home-makers, students, county commissioners, healthcare, and human services personnel, executives, and supervisors. There is no specific occupation or organizational affiliation. They are diverse yet have a common interest—a commitment to public and community involvement in solving problems and planning for the future.

The program is a nine-month course focusing on bringing together seasoned leaders, emerging leaders, and future leaders. Participants will attend stimulating half- and full-day sessions.

It only takes one good leader to make a difference...just imagine the power of a community filled with leaders.

For more information or to request an application, call 814-676-6591, Ext. 1273 or go to http://www.clarion.edu/academic/venango/continuing_education/ven_venango_vision.

Students Take Center Stage by Fran Hyter, Student Senate Vice President



Friday welcomed new students and their families to Venango Campus with a reception at the Arlington Hotel in Oil City. Friday was packed with information, information, and information. Whew! With all that information process out of the way it was time for a little fun. Saturday was Discovery Fun Day, a time to relax, eat, drink (campus approved beverages only), and be merry. Students, their families, faculty, and staff enjoyed the music of Thornbird—where the students were center stage, not the band.

Dr. Reber was on hand in his tie-dyed Enjoy the Ride T-shirt welcoming students. Try as we might, we could not get him into the dunking booth or

to take a run on the Bungee Run. That's okay, Dr. Reber, there's always next year. We were glad to have you there. Deb Sobina, director of finance and administration did challenge her 17-year-old daughter, Becky, on the Bungee Run. It was a photo finish and Deb was declared the winner. Kevin Anderson, Doug Bussell, Sam Kyper, and Becca Krusey learned to dance to the beat of a different drum with the percussion group Africa Yetu. Brianne Vroman and Cody Wakefield took a few laps around the

track in the NASCAR simulator. Games, good food, great music, along with awesome people are always a recipe for a magnificent time. Everyone who attended Discovery Fun Day left with a smile—a good time was had by all. Special thanks

to Emily Aubele, Discovery leaders, new students, and everyone who came together to make the weekend possible.

This Weeks Sudoku Answer

5	6	2	4	1	9	3	8	7
3	7	1	2	8	6	9	4	5
4	8	9	3	7	5	2	6	1
2	1	5	6	4	3	8	7	9
7	3	4	8	9	2	1	5	6
6	9	8	7	5	1	4	2	3
1	4	6	5	3	8	7	9	2
9	5	7	1	2	4	6	3	8
8	2	3	9	6	7	5	1	4

Editorial Misconduct by Doug Bussell



This column is a major reason I wanted to be editor of the *Venango Voice*. When Matt Fowell,

last year's editor, was looking for a replacement he asked, "What do you want to do with the *Voice*?" My response was simple, "Raise eyebrows." I want to write articles that are going to stir the pot, make you think; even make you mad. I want to write articles that are going to entice—no, demand—you put fingers to keyboard and write a response.

Now please don't get me wrong, I do not want to recreate any of the Jason Bice sagas that flourished in this and our big sister publication the *Clarion Call* last year. What I want is to draw you into a mode of thinking where you have to explain why you do not appreciate my

thoughts. I am going to touch on my problems with religion, why I think the United States is the world's police force and needs to be in Iraq and why I think Iran should be next.

Some other items on my list of beliefs, which I may or may not write about are equality is a myth that is destroying this country, and the federal government, if not overthrown, should be restructured and relieved of its stolen powers. I believe that if two people produce a child, it should take two to abort it. I do not care what you do behind closed doors and if you care what I do, you should be ashamed of yourself.

Political correctness is a curse that should be obliterated from the face of the planet. Illegal means just that, regardless of your heritage. I have never seen a gun commit a criminal act without help. The United States needs to get out of the United Nations and the Department of Home Land Security has not made you any safer if someone has the time, money, and a desire to cause harm.

Now here is the rub. Sometimes I am going to play devil's advocate and you the reader get to decide how to respond. However, there are some rules; number one is that if you don't identify yourself in your response, I will not even acknowledge it. Everyone has the right to his or her opinion; being published is a privilege. Because of this, some of you are going to accuse me of abusing my privileges, hence the name, Editorial Misconduct. However, I proudly placed my name right next to the title and your name will appear just as proudly.

So put on your seat belt, the captain has turned on the thinking cap sign, let's see what kind of stew we can stir up; this is going to be fun.

Oil City Let Down by Doug Bussell

As a former sheriff's deputy and criminal justice major, I support law enforcement's efforts to rid the streets of crime. I am in favor of profiling. I understand the reasoning behind profiling and the benefits of keeping an eye open for individuals who fit a profile.

I have taught my daughter that if she needs help, find a "man in blue." That was until an incident that occurred in Oil City on August 26.

Here are the facts as I understand them. As many of you know campus "Fun Day" had nationally touring performers who performed on campus that day. Groups from as far away as California came to our campus to entertain our students and families. Some of them became lost or confused in our extensive roadway system.

On one unidentified street, our confused performer located a patrol officer in his official police vehicle parked along the side of the street. Seeing an opportunity for help, a member of the group pulled over behind the officer, exited his vehicle, approached the officer, and asked for directions to the campus.

Much to my disappointment the officer instead of assisting the lost citizen, turned on his lights and requested the individual's identification and vehicle registration. He then proceeded to do a computer check. You do not have to watch television crime dramas to know that the officer was doing a criminal background check. I have to ask why. What was the probable cause?

Probable cause is a loosely defined term that can vary from one person to another; there are also varying degrees or levels of probable cause. Basically an officer must have reasonable suspicions, with some corroborating support that a crime has or is about to be committed. I am well aware of how to "create" probable cause. Swerving over the yellow line will get you a second look from most officers; driving too fast or too slow will raise my suspicion. A broken tail light or forgetting to turn off your turn signal will get you pulled over. In some states, not wearing your seat belt is an offense that can get you an interview with a police officer.

I wonder where the possible crime is in asking for directions.

However, the driver happened to be a black man, in a small town with a Detroit drug problem, who just happened to find an officer with questionable judgment. As I said, I believe in the positive benefits of profiling. A black man driving a nice SUV in a small town fits one of the many profiles of a criminal. It is my experience though, that a criminal, whether a drug dealer or user, bank robber or pedophile, is not going to get out of their car and ask a cop for directions. As Judge Judy says "it does not make sense, and if it does not make sense, it is not true."

Needless to say, the performer was not impressed with the treatment he received in our community. He may not accept another invitation to perform at our campus. Personally, I am ashamed of the officer's lack of common sense. To protect and serve is one thing, to harass and embarrass is another.

So be careful next time you are in Oil City, if you get lost or have a question, you had better do it in some other city; everyone fits one profile or another.



BACK PAGE MINUTIA

With your Venango Campus ID,
you can

Golf for free at the
River Ridge Golf Course.
For the next few weeks, until leagues
are over you must tee off before 4 p.m.
18 holes are free.
If you want a cart, you pay for it.

Bowling at Seneca Lanes
every Monday night from 9 p.m.-11 p.m.
The cost is only \$2.50 per valid ID.

Use the facilities at the
Oil City YMCA for free.
Classes not included.

If you want to take a class at the
YMCA, you pay the member's rate.

There are three bicycles for student use.
You can check them out by leaving your
student ID at the Student Affairs office.

When Rhoades opens there will be
basketball, volleyball and ping pong,
all requiring valid Venango Campus ID.

For more information, contact Venango
Campus Athletic Director, Steve Lentz
at extension 1233 or by e-mail at

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Have something you want to sell?

E-mail me at

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Questions? Don't be afraid to ask.

E-mail your submission for the voice to

vvoice@clarion.edu

We are on the Web:

<http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~vvoice>

This week's Sudoku Puzzle

5	6						8	
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	8				5	2	6	1
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	3		8		2		5	
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1	4	6	5				9	
		7		2		6		
	2						1	4



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Freshmen: Venango Campus wants YOU!

The Venango Campus Student Senate would like to welcome everyone to our campus. We are sure each and every one of you will find this campus to be like a little bar in Boston, where everyone knows your name.

The Senate would like to invite all freshmen to apply and run for Student Senate. Traditionally, we have had two freshmen as advisors. However, this year, we have also added one voting position for a freshman. Senate believes it will best serve our campus' newest members. We need three freshmen to fill our

advisory board. As a Senator, you will be involved in many aspects of the campus. We will be involved in development and implementation of our R.W. Rhoades Center. As a Senator, you will develop



your leadership and communication abilities,

skills your future employers will greatly desire. As a Senator, you will have an opportunity to travel to St. Louis, Mo., to attend the 20th annual leadership conference. The list of opportunities that will avail themselves to you is endless.

Applications can be picked up in the Student Affairs office, 222 Montgomery Hall, and must be turned in by Sept. 14.

Ann Parys

One thing I would like to accomplish this year with the *Venango Voice* is more reader involvement. I would like to see your responses to various topics. I will be starting us out this week with a topic I hope you will discuss with your fellow students both in the classroom and in print. In the weeks to come, I hope to use topics suggest by our readers. After all, our motto is Your campus, Your Paper, Your Voice, so let your voice be heard.

Please send responses and suggestions to

vvoice@clarion.edu, and put the topic you are responding to for the subject. I need your submissions by Wednesday if we are going to include them in the next issue of your *Voice*.

This week's topic: What are your thoughts about puppy mills? Do you think law enforcement is doing enough, and should laws be passed to make it harder for people to run these mills?



COOK'S CORNER

Do you ever get sick and tired of eating the same old lettuce salad with the same old dressing you always use? Here is an idea for sprucing things up a little at the dinner table, and the cool thing about this salad is you can make it as simple as you want or get a little more creative.

Ingredients:

- 1 bag of coleslaw mix
- Sunflower seeds Sesame seeds
- ½ cup olive oil
- 2 T. apple cider vinegar
- 2 packages of ramen noodles (chicken flavored)

In a large bowl mix; coleslaw mix, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, and crushed ramen noodles. In a smaller bowl mix; olive oil, apple cider vinegar, and chicken flavoring from the ramen noodles. Pour that mixture into your large mixing bowl and serve.

Alternate ideas: Toasted almonds, sunflower, sesame seeds, and ramen noodles

Add a chopped onion

This week's online poll
Should smoking on campus be limited to specific areas?

CAST YOUR VOTE

<http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~vvoice>

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WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU? by Hope Lineman

I once saw a demonstration where an instructor was teaching on the topic of time management. One of the main reasons people try to manage their time is to squeeze more tasks and accomplishments into their daily schedules. They want to accomplish more, do more, and be more. I wanted to share the example that was used as it was a real eye-opener!

The instructor first took a large empty jar and filled it with rocks about the size of golf balls. He asked us if the jar was full. We all agreed it was. He then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. The pebbles filled the open areas between the larger rocks. He asked us again if the jar was full, most agreed, as we were starting to see where the demonstration was leading. He then picked up a jar of sand and poured it over the rocks. Again, we were asked if the jar was full. At that point, everyone agreed that it was indeed finally full. The instructor then pulled out a jar of water and proceeded to pour the water into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

The instructor was using the jar to represent life. The rocks stood for the

important things, our family, partners, health, and children. These were the things that if everything else was lost and only these remained, our lives would still be full. The pebbles were the other things that mattered, such as jobs, homes, and cars. The sand represented everything else or the "small stuff."

The instructor wanted us to realize that if we fill our lives with the small stuff, there will be no room for the pebbles or the rocks. If you spend all of your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room in your life for the things that are important to you. The message is relevant for everyone, whether you are single, married, and with or without children. I especially think the message is helpful for all of the returning adult students who are trying to juggle numerous tasks everyday. The message is pay attention to the things that are important and will make you happy. Play with your children (if you have children). Take care of yourself physically with regular medical checkups and exercise. Dance and sing whether or not you are good at it. There will always be time to work, to clean, to do repairs and the many items we put on our "to do" lists. Take

care of the rocks first because the rest is after all, just "sand."

Meet the Staff

Hope Lineman

Hope Lineman is a student of Clarion University—Venango Campus, working on a bachelor's degree in communication. Hope will be sharing writing pieces with the *Venango Voice* Newspaper this semester to aid her in meeting the co-curricular print requirements for her degree.

Aside from being a part-time student, Hope is also employed with the university, heading the Continuing Education department at Venango Campus. She has been with the university for more than five years. There she develops and oversees all of the non-credit personal and professional development courses offered at the campus. Other responsibilities are that of a summer program entitled *Kids In College* for children in grades K-8, a senior citizen computer program entitled *SeniorLink*, the *Venango Vision Leadership Institute*, and 11 one-year certificate programs.

The Value of a Criminal Justice Associate Degree

by Professor Rick Steinman, Program Director, Criminal Justice Program

Are you interested in public service? Does engaging in critical thinking and problem solving relative to justice and crime-related topics interest you? If so, you may wish to consider an education in the social science discipline of criminal justice. Students can expect to examine such topics as policing, corrections, and juvenile justice. Additionally, criminological theories as to crime causation are addressed, as is the study of criminal law and procedure. A student also has the opportunity to enroll in selected sociology and psychology courses as part of their degree work.

Graduates will be prepared to seek entry-level positions in municipal, county, and state police agencies. Additionally, students can pursue careers as correctional officers or as support-

level staff in juvenile residential facilities. Moreover, positions within the private safety/loss prevention sector may be available.

Most criminal practitioners find their job to be challenging, and yes, at times somewhat stressful or frustrating. And despite the fact no one will become wealthy working within the criminal justice field, most practitioners find personal fulfillment in having either an impact on preventing or reducing crime, rehabilitating offenders, or controlling crime through various enforcement measures. Even those graduates who decide to enter into non-criminal justice occupations can still put their knowledge of the criminal justice system to work through engaging in various volunteer efforts within their community.

One prominent feature of a criminal justice education is that you are studying a field that is constantly changing and evolving, and thus makes for a rather dynamic education. Why not jump in and try out a course!



Editorial Misconduct by Doug Bussell



Well, the furor has started over one of my comments. As of yet, no one has stepped up to the plate and given me something to print. Only a few have dared to attempt to change my mind, but they will not give it to me in print form. AAARG, I say, "AAAAARG," I want



Photo from Center for Bio-Ethical Reform

you to be involved in this publication.

What I have heard

is a few sideways comments about me (a man) having no right to comment on abortion. A few nameless individuals complained about my statement that "if two people produce a child, it should take two to abort it."

For those of you who do not understand, let me explain. Fundamentally, I believe abortion is wrong. I challenge anyone to look at these two mild photos from the

Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (<http://www.abortionno.org/Resources/fastfacts.html>), and say these terminated children were not a life.

That being said, I also am realistic and acquiesce that sometimes, the life of an innocent is terminated for a plethora of reasons, two of which I have no problem with. In the cases of rape and incest I have no aversions to abortions. A third category would be for the LIFE of the mother. Many pro-choice individuals like to interchange the word "health" with life. I am concerned over both of these terms as either could be left open to interpretation. What is life- or health-threatening to one doctor may be treatable to another.

With the exception of three categories already listed, pregnancy becomes a matter of personal responsibility. When a woman and a man of sound mind (being drunk does not count as being unsound) lie down and do what ever it takes to produce offspring, they both are responsible. If pregnancy is not wanted, both parties need to take appropriate precautions. I apologize to all women. The majority of the responsibility falls upon you. However, you (females) set the rules, and I agree the male subspecies will do every thing they can to break those

rules. You are the gate keepers. If your rule includes "dating" only men with their testicles removed, so be it. As men, we need to respect the rules. If you do not like the rules, you have the choice to say no also.



Photo from Center for Bio-Ethical Reform

Regardless of the reason (less the three), not wanting to be pregnant is no excuse to terminate a life.

SPORTS by Evan Basham

Hello, my name is Evan Basham; I am majoring in elementary education. I am the new sports writer for the *Venango Voice*. Let me tell you I love sports. Every week, I will try to hit on as many sports as I can. If you have ever been interested in sports, you know news from the world of sports changes by the minute. With the surplus of sports stories, it is often hard to find the little known stories of the day.

So let's get started... the big talk around town is that Big Ben from the Pittsburgh Steelers will be not playing in the season opener against the Miami Dolphins, due to an emergency appendectomy. Bill Cowher (the coach) says he wants to make sure Ben is all right, most likely he will be out for the first two games. To tell you the truth, I'd rather have him out now then be out for the playoffs. Having your appendix removed, while not major surgery, is an invasive procedure. You have to recuperate. It is vital that Ben sits out now so he can heal and remain healthy.

One sport that not many people talk about is tennis. With Andre Agassi announcing his retirement, tennis has been front page news as of late. In my eyes, Agassi is one of the best players in the sport; he will be missed and forever loved. Andre has won 36 titles with an overall record of 868 wins with only 273 losses. Agassi may not admit it at this time, but he may never play the sport again. Watching him endure the intense pain as he plays makes me wonder if he will ever play competitive tennis again. I cannot imagine how difficult for someone with his competitive spirit to say "I am done." I personally believe that it was his only real choice.

Well, that's pretty much all the sports this week; there are so many sports and so little space. I will try to hit on something different each week; if you have any suggestions let me know by e-mailing me at vvoice@clarion.edu. Please put my name in the subject line so I get it. Furthermore, each week I would like to finish with a quote. Try to think about each and every quote and try to relate it to life today. You don't have to be a sports fanatic to relate these quotes to you and others. Thank you all, and I'm really excited doing this.

"We can't win at home. We can't win on the road. As general manager, I just can't figure out where else to play." Pat Williams (1992), Orlando Magic general manager, on his team's 7-27 record.



BACK PAGE MINUTIA

BARBECUE WITH THE DEAN

Thursday, Sept. 14

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



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This Week's Sudoku

		1		8		2	9	
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	2	5		1		4		

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Cultural Arts on Campus by Hope Lineman

There are many activities to partake in this semester at Clarion University-Venango Campus. No student should be able to say there is "nothing to do!" Activities, which include a coffee house series, concerts, performances, a lecture series and a seminar series, as well as an independent film series, have been planned by the Campus Activities Board, with input from many of the student clubs on campus.

It is important that you maintain a good balance of studying, working, and taking care of family; but, in order to do a great job in each of these areas, it is imperative that you take care of yourself as well...and what better way to take care of YOU then to energize yourself mentally? The wonderful fees you pay every semester to attend the university actually help pay for events. You are making an investment in your future, and if you are going to

pay for the opportunities, may I suggest you attend and get a return on your investment?

Some of the films that will be presented will allow the viewer to experience independent and foreign films from filmmakers from around the world. My personal favorite is *Crash*, which won many awards. I will only say it is very thought-provoking and gives a real awareness to racial issues in society. It is one of the best films I have watched in a long time.

You are not into films? Then open yourself up to experiencing a variety of music styles that include rock, blues, jazz, African rhythms, and folk music. Enjoy a dinner theatre, *The Chicago Caper*, where there is no shortage of suspects and motives and you help to solve the mystery. Add to your festive, holiday season by enjoying a Madrigal Dinner at The Arlington Hotel. You will not

only enjoy a delicious meal but also be entertained by a highly select group of singers, who will perform choral arrangements from major periods in the history of music.

For those of you seeking opportunities for intellectual growth and challenge, Phi Theta Kappa is hosting a video seminar series entitled *Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power*, which encourages the exploration of the dynamics of power on various levels.

Pick up a Cultural Arts 2006-2007 brochure in Student Affairs, any of the lobbies in Montgomery Hall, and Frame Administrative Office. There is something in it for everyone. Don't delay! You won't want to miss the great opportunities to grow both personally and professionally.

Adult Learners Organization by Traci Karasinski, ALO President

I would like to take an opportunity to introduce you to a wonderful organization here at Clarion University-Venango Campus. The Adult Learner's Organization (ALO) is for all traditional and non-traditional students at Venango Campus. It is a fun-loving organization that allows and encourages all members to contribute toward many activities for both students and their families. It gives us a chance to meet new people and help others become more acquainted with the campus and each other.

To find out more about ALO, please join us on Friday, September 22, at 3 p.m. in the banquet room at The Log Cabin Restaurant, on the corner of State Rt. 257 and East State Road in Seneca, for a planning meeting and lunch. The meeting will not only help us gain more information about ALO, but also give you a voice in the plans for the Fall Semester.

If you have any questions, please direct them to

s_tkarasinski@clarion.edu or our faculty advisor, Louis Adelson, at 814-676-6591, ext. 1333. I look forward to meeting you on Friday!



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Dates to Remember:

- Mid-Semester Break October 6-9
- Thanksgiving Break November 22-27
- Semester Ends December 15
- Spring Semester Begins January 16

Attention basketball fans, do I have some news for you! A certain former Duke, Blue Devil guard superstar was sentenced to one-year of unsupervised probation after he pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving.

Who was this superstar? It was J.J. Redick, who, in my opinion, is potentially the best basketball player who ever lived. While playing at Duke University, Redick averaged 27 points per game. The NBA's Orlando Magic drafted him; however, his personal life seems to be getting in the way. Along with probation, Redick also has to pay \$400 in court fees and has 90 days to complete 24 hours of community service. As a hardcore North Carolina fan (major rivals of Duke), I find Redick's situation

humorous. Even though Redick has the stats to be great, I have to wonder what Duke is teaching its players. Redick needs to get his head on straight.

Turning to golf, last week must have been the best week ever for 36-year old Pennsylvanian, Jim Furyk, who won the Canadian Open (and \$900,000) with an outstanding 14 under par. It was not an easy win for Furyk. On day three of the tournament, he shot five bogeys. On Sunday, he made up for his lackluster performance by sinking six birdie putts and shooting par on the remaining 12 holes. With the golf season about to end, Furyk deserved the win more than anyone. The man works all the time to improve his game; if he can consistently repeat his Sunday performance, he is destined to be in the hall of fame.

NFL's kick-off weekend is over...thank goodness. What a horrible way to begin the season. With a bunch of teams getting SCHLACKED, kick-off weekend was BORRRRRING. I just hope this week I can watch some games without falling asleep. The one good game was the Manning Bowl, or the Colts versus the Giants; the first time in NFL history that two quarterback brothers started against

each other. In the end, it was the Colts, Peyton, and the elder Manning, who led his team to victory. Both teams put up a great fight. Hats off to them for the game of the week.

Let us not forget our own Clarion University Golden Eagles who in golf placed sixth in a tourney last week, not bad for the first event of their golf season. I know they will improve as the year goes on. Their next match is at home so don't forget to get out and support our Golden Eagles.

That is it for this week, get out and have some SPORTS fun.

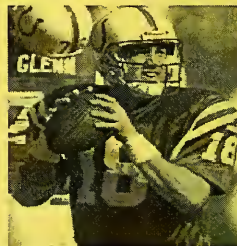


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CLARION UNIVERSITY-VENANGO CAMPUS HOLDS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM GRADUATION

Clarion University-Venango Campus held a graduation ceremony for its massage therapy and medical office assistant certificate programs on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at Wanango Country Club, Reno, Pa.



Deborah McNeerney, a returning adult student at Clarion University-Venango Campus, was guest speaker for the ceremony. McNeerney spoke to the graduating class of the positive effects of

lifelong learning, the importance of staying on top of their "game," and future changes in their chosen professions. She commended them for their hard work and dedication to their education over the past year.

The Massage Therapy Certificate of Completion is awarded to students who have successfully completed the required 500 hours of training in the year-long program. The Massage Therapy Program is instructed by Betty McKisson, Carolina Muschweck, Kammi Stiller, Andrea Leyerle, and Joe Occhipinti. Students earning certificates for the 2005-2006 program year were Robert J. Boocks, Julia M. Haury, Becky L. Kriebel, Sara A. Lloyd, Amanda S. Reaghart, and Jessica R. Reisinger.

The Medical Office Assistant Certificate of Completion is awarded to students who have successfully completed the required 700 hours of training in the year-long program. The program is offered in collaboration with UPMC Northwest in Seneca, Pa. Instructors for the Medical Office Assistant Program include Rhonda Steigerwald, Syrina Hutchinson, Rhonda Buckholtz, Tracy Gawrys, Heather Mohnkern, Dr. Stephen Agyei-Mensah, Darlene Hartman, Tonya Thompson, Erin Cassidy, and Jan Smith, as well as representatives of a number of UPMC Northwest departments. Graduates of the 2005-2006 program were Cindy A. Bean, Brandy L. Donovan, Sarah E. Downing, and Mary S. Nelson.

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Katrina Simpson-McCleary, M.A., Venango Campus Counseling Services

IN MY OWN WORDS

What are some reasons people go to counseling?

- To talk about confusing and distressing feelings
- To improve their self-esteem
- To feel more positive
- To learn how to relax
- To reduce their stress
- To learn how to moderate their use of drugs and alcohol
- To gain a healthy relationship with their body, diet, and exercise
- To examine their relationships
- To review and work on academic concerns
- To discuss adapting to college life

If ongoing counseling is recommended, does that mean there is something wrong with me?

No! College can be a great experience, but sometimes it is a struggle. Many students encounter situations that are difficult and/or confusing. Sometimes,

the way we are used to handling our problems just isn't working for us anymore, and we need to figure out some new ways to deal. There are times when we all could use some extra help.

Will anyone at the Department of Counseling Services tell my professors that I am coming to counseling?

No! The records at the Department of Counseling Services are not a part of your educational records. Only you can give consent for us to release any information about you. Any information you provide and counseling records are strictly confidential, except in life-threatening situations or in cases of suspected child or elder abuse.

What can I expect from my counselor?

Katrina will:

- Maintain the highest ethical and legal standards of confidentiality.
- Be accepting of differences of gender, race, cultural background, ability, religious affiliation, and sexual orientation.

- Be interested in listening to your concerns, and, if needed, help you work on these issues.
- Refer (in a few occasions), to another professional, if it is in the best interest of the client.



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"We are so proud of the graduates of the certificate programs," said Hope Lineman,



continuing education coordinator. "The students have to

be dedicated and committed to fulfill the requirements of the program in the short time period they have. All of the students have worked hard this past year and will do well in their chosen professions."

Venango Campus offers 11 certificate programs through the Division of Continuing Education. In addition to massage therapy and medical office assistant, one-year programs are available in applied computer systems, bookkeeping, criminal investigation, electronics technology, executive office management, legal office management, medical office billing and coding, medical

office management, and small business management.

Clarion University-Venango Campus is the oldest regional campus in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. The campus provides high-quality educational programs and personalized services to help students succeed. Students can begin any of Clarion University's 90-plus bachelor's degrees at the Venango Campus, earn an associate degree, a bachelor or master's



degree in select areas, obtain a one-year certificate, or participate in a variety of professional development and personal enrichment courses. The campus is home to Clarion University's School of Nursing and Allied Health and its Department of Applied Technology. Clarion University-Venango

Campus is committed to serving the needs of the community. Special programs offered through the Division of Continuing Education include *Kids in College*, *Jump Start*, *Venango Vision Regional Leadership Institute*, and *SeniorLink*.

VENANGO VOICE ON THE WEB

In case you had not heard, the *Voice* has a little spot of cyber space. While the site will always be under some sort of construction, we have a guest book for you to leave us your thoughts, weekly polls, answers to puzzles, back issues of the *Voice*, and anything else we can cram in there. The address is <http://Jupiter.clarion.edu/~vvoice>.



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TO ALL CLUBS

From Angel Muschweck:

All Club and Organizations:

Please stop by 232 Montgomery to pick up your budget binders for this academic year. If you did not have a member of your organization at the initial Clubs Workshop during orientation, you will need to schedule a time to meet with Angel Muschweck to be sure you are aware of all the rules for spending money, fund-raisers, space requests, and activities folders.

FROM THE ICF

ICF (Interdenominational Christian Fellowship) will meet on the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall.

If you can't make it and (especially) were active last year, please call me, ext. 1335 or 412-614-1884 or e-mail Huber@clarion.edu.

ICF welcomes all students, staff, and faculty who are searching for God and/or want to learn more about Christianity. We do NOT try to convert you or "argue about religion." No membership fees, no fund-raisers.



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Have something you want to sell?

As a college student, I know the value of a good deal. I also know of the need to sell items I no longer need or want. Any good publication has a classified ad section. Here is your chance to list your items that you no longer need or want, **FOR FREE.**

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With your Venango Campus ID You Can:

Golf for free at the River Ridge Golf Course. For the next few weeks, until leagues are over, you must tee off before 4 p.m. and 18 holes are free, if you want a cart, you pay for that.

Bowling at Seneca Lanes every Monday night from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. The cost is only \$2.50 per valid ID.

Use the facilities at the Oil City YMCA for free. Classes not included. If you want to take a class at the YMCA, you pay the members rate.

There are three bicycles for student use. You can check them out by leaving your student ID at the student affairs office.

When Rhoades Center opens there will be basketball, volleyball, and ping pong.

Valid Venango Campus ID will be required for those activities.

For more information contact the Venango Campus athletic director, Steve Lentz, at ext. 1233 or by e-mail at

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Barbecue with the Dean Student Senate VP Fran Hyter



Venango Voice

On September 14, the Student Senate held its first event of the year with Dean Reber. About fifty people attended the Barbecue with the Dean at the Hughes Hall Community Center. Singer's Catering prepared barbecued chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, and macaroni salad; which, by the way, was delicious! Dean Reber greeted students and their families, answered questions, and told a great story about cows in the roadway.

For many, it was their first opportunity to see the new Hughes Hall Community Center and the Student Apartments. Sam Kyper and Becca Krusey were kind enough to let students and guests tour their apartment.

Dean Reber addressed questions regarding the newly renovated Rhoades Center, and listened to the suggestion of putting in a crosswalk to ensure the safety of students living in the apartments. He reported there is no definite

date for the Rhoades Center opening, but buzz around campus is that Rhoades is due to open the first week of October. He also reported the campus had requested a crosswalk, but according to PenDOT, we do not meet the criteria. Some members of the Senate are not happy with PenDOT's decision. The Senators will be taking a closer look at what many consider a safety issue. If you have any suggestions or wish to be involved, please get in touch with me.

The responses from students who attended the event were all positive. First-year nursing student, Sarah Cunningham stated, "Dean Reber is a great guy. I came for the food, the hot dogs were enormous; and I left with a better understanding of what the dean and Student Senate does." Yes, Dean Reber is a great guy! I can only speak for myself when I say I am truly

impressed with the positive growth and attitude Dr. Reber has brought to this campus. Thank you, Dean Reber, for being such a gracious host. We look forward to your attendance at future Student

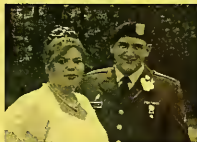


Senator Maria Alfred discusses a cross walk with the Dean. Photo by Joseph Vargo.

Senate events. I think it is safe to say the Student Senate's first event with the dean was a sizzling success. Look for future events to be posted in the near future. Until then, enjoy your semester.

Meet Your Student Senator-VP Fran Hyter

Fran Hyter is a second-year nursing student. She is the mother of three terrific children, one of whom attended Venango Campus as well as Clarion Campus until she was married this past July and moved to Georgia. Fran started her college career in Fall 2003 as a radiological sciences major. In the summer of 2004, Fran began a student work-study program in the Administrative Office. It was a great opportunity for her to realize her full potential and learn a lot about the campus and all it has to offer. She had always dreamed of becoming a nurse but did not think she had what it takes to become



Fran and her new son-in-law

one. The positive influence of the faculty, staff, and students she worked with helped her recognize she did have what it takes. She took her NLN exam and soon after found her acceptance letter to the nursing program. She has not regretted it for one moment. The influence of the people she works around also helped her better understand the benefits of becoming involved in campus clubs and organizations. With that knowledge, Fran became the vice president of Adult Learners Organization, secretary of Nursing Club, and now the vice president of Student Senate. Fran has brought new ideas and

concepts to the proverbial table; she is now seeing her dreams come to fruition. Her involvement in these student organizations has given her the confidence to believe in herself and she has found her voice is worthy of being heard. Fran also tutored in the Learning Support Center from June 2005 to April 2006, which gave her the opportunity to give back to the students what she has gained from her college career thus far. Fran now works in the Student Affairs Office where she is available to the students of the Venango Campus. If you need help with a student ID, or if you just need someone to listen to you, stop in and see her. She will be happy to help you.

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Christina Aguilera's first disc in four years refines and clarifies the--let's call it "sexy"--aura surrounding the platinum firebrand. Here, the best belter in a class that counts Jessica Simpson and Britney Spears on its roll call, has turned her attention to love songs: the supercharged and ubiquitous first single "Ain't No Other Man," for one, and the hushed stunner "Save Me from Myself" for another. That doesn't mean she's foresworn being nasty, though. Dive deep into this set, past the gorgeous crackle that frames the old-school jazz-, blues-, and soul-inspired tracks on the first disc, and you'll reach a playful and familiar raunch; "Candyman" celebrates a "one-stop shop" who "makes the panties drop" to a boogie-woogie beat, and "Nasty Naughty Boy" sends out a heated, big-beated invitation to "sip on my champagne/Cause I'm gonna give you a little taste/Of the

sugar below my waist." Thoughtful listeners should snap out of their fascination with



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Xtina's undiminished yet newly un-tramp-like sexuality, though, because what they'll really want to focus on throughout these 22 tracks is the honest-to-God artistry. While rock producer Linda Perry helps disc two pop in

interesting and unexpected ways (check the muffled blues number "I Got Trouble" and "Mercy on Me," an obvious nod to Fiona Apple), DJ Premier, a mainstay on Jay-Z and Nas projects, pipes a batch of aural high-fives into the nostalgia-bitten first disc (the deep-down funk of "Back in the Day," the strut-strut early hip-hop sound of "Still Dirrty"). Their nudges aside, though, *Back to Basics* is all Aguilera's baby--she executive-produced, and she's found herself artistically. Nobody would argue, in fact, if she swiveled around the chorus to "Ain't No Other Man," written for her husband, and aimed it at herself: "You got soul, you got class/You got style, you're bad a--."

Tammy La Gorce
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Sports with Evan Basham

Hello again, sports fans of Clarion University, Venango Campus! Bad news, your Steelers have lost (OH NO!). When the Steelers lost, all I heard from Pittsburgh fans was, "It's because Ben had a fever, he shouldn't have played." I find it awesome that Pittsburgh can lose just like everyone else. But what I do not hear from other teams are the excuses from the fans. Not to mention the plethora of excuses that spew from Bill Cowher's mouth. Why can't everyone just say...yep the Steelers lost a game, so does everyone else? It was a very interesting game with the Jaguars winning 9-0 over Pittsburgh two Monday's ago. I believe the Steelers just need to settle down and forget they have one for the thumb to get back in their winning rhythm.

Ryder Cup golf will be beginning this week. Most fans across the nation believe Tiger Woods has the cup in the bag. According to Tiger, "This could be the toughest tournament I have competed in this year." Tiger found the narrow fairways and greens as slick as tiger snot at the very beautiful "K Club" in Ireland, this year's home to the Ryder Cup. The cup is always a break out tournament; it is next to impossible to predict who will do well, or who will choke on the 18th hole. Is Tiger going to be able to pull it off or will a new star of the Ryder Cup pull through? Tune in to find out. I will have the results in the next issue.

While we are on the topic of golf... our Clarion Golden Eagles placed first in the Clarion Oaks Tournament. Clarion won the title, beating Concord University by one stroke! Clarion also set a new school

record on Sunday with a team 5-under par. The team smashed the old record set by Guyton, Lou Jesiolkiewicz, Paul Garris, Ryan Pepper, and James Simpson with a two-under par in 2002. GO EAGLES!

Next week, our Eagles will be traveling to the Wheeling Jesuit Invitational, a tournament that is going to be a true test of our golfers' skills.

I really want to start hitting on some college football, and do not forget bowling season is coming up (PBA). I really would like to hit on all the topics I can. If there is a topic you would like to hear about please e-mail me at s_aebasham@clarion.edu. Have a great and relaxing week (if possible). GO EAGLES!



Megan's law sucks; you know the law that requires convicted sex offenders to register with local law enforcement. I

am sure you have seen some sort of news coverage when a sex offender moves into the neighborhood. People picket at the alleged home or apartment of the offender and concerned citizens post flyers with the offender's mug shot, usually with some sort of uncomplimentary slogan or a bull's-eye superimposed over the offender's smiling face. Mothers with nostrils flaring and fathers with loaded shotguns patrol the streets just hoping to find the offender sneering in the wrong direction. Just to make things worse for the offender, their photograph is also posted on an official sex offender's Website, just so those people who did not catch the 10 p.m. news can locate the offender (<http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/>). The Website also makes it convenient for

individuals to find out exactly what the offender was convicted of. So if you do not know that 18 Pa. C.S. Subsection 3124.2 deals with institutional sexual assault, you can find out with ease.

So why do I say that Megan's law and its derivatives suck? It is actually very simple. First of all, these offenders have done their time behind bars. Whatever their length of residence at the gray bar hotel was, they have done their time. Prison does not rehabilitate its guests. For a resident to be rehabilitated, they must take part in their treatment. There is no way to make an inmate follow a treatment program. Therefore, a sexual offender either does their entire stint in the can, or does what it takes to get out early. Either way, they have done their time and I find it unconscionable to allow an individual who has successfully completed a sentence be hounded and threatened by the local goobers.

Secondly, knowing where a sexual offender resides, works, or goes to school will not protect you or your family from an unreformed sexual offender, just like

getting a speeding ticket will not prevent you from going 1 mph over the speed limit when you are late for class. Oh, I am sure a sex offender with nasty thoughts bouncing around the inside of his skull will play nice for awhile, while the local mommies and daddies are camping in his front yard with boiling vats of pitch. However, a sick mind is also a patient mind. They will wait, watch and choose their targets. The recent case in South Carolina where a 14-year old girl was kidnapped and found in a hand-dug bunker is a good case. The alleged perpetrator also has pending charges in another sexual assault case. The man had been eluding police since November. (<http://www.cnn.com/2006/LAW/09/18/text.rescue/index.html>)

The point is that Meagan's laws are nothing more than feel-good legislation that lull the public into thinking our politicians really care about us.

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Societal Downfall

by Hope Lineman

What is commitment? According to Webster's dictionary it is, "To bind, as by a promise or pledge." Why the need to discuss commitment? Where should I begin! Commitment is at the very essence of where I think society is dropping the ball. It used to you could ask someone to commit to a project, a committee, or to a task, and you could rest assured they would follow through and stick with it through its completion. These days, I am witnessing more and more, not only children but adults, backing out of commitments mid-stream. I think society is dropping the weight that is placed upon commitment, and it is starting at a much earlier age. Where will society be if more and more people become less committed to their responsibilities?

I will expand with an example. Let's take the process of a child making a commitment to play a team sport. About mid-season, they decide they are not playing enough or perhaps not in the positions they want, and decide to quit. If parents condone it and support the child quitting, are we not sending a message to

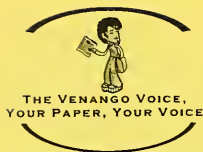
these children that if things do not go their way, it is okay to just walk away, regardless of whom they are letting down? Or do you make them stick it out until the season is over and learn a lesson of commitment and follow-through? As these children mature into adulthood, will they take this learned message with them into marriage, friendships, and jobs?

There is a lot to be said of learned lessons. It starts in infancy. When babies cry, they are looking to be fed, changed, or picked up. As parents, we hear the cry, and feed, change, or pick up the baby. They quickly learn crying will resolve their issues. In toddlers, we reward good behavior, therefore the child will repeat the process to get the reward, whether it is praise or something tangible. On the other hand, if the child throws a temper tantrum in the middle of a store and the parent gives in to the child by purchasing something, i.e. small toy or candy, then the child will still learn that behavior. Throw a temper tantrum and mom or dad will buy me something to keep me quiet. How does this tie in to commitment then? Well, if a parent allows a child to

sign-up or make a commitment and then allows them to quit half-way through, they are again reinforcing a lesson. For the child, it is a detrimental lesson that will affect their lives dramatically.

I charge you all as readers to think about this issue. Do you think commitment is an issue to take seriously? Are people less committed to marriage, to tasks they take on, to partners, and to jobs? Is it a lesson they learned as a child that they are carrying into adulthood? Please write to the *Venango Voice* and let us know what you think.





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No matter what restrictions we put on Uncle Charlie (prison slang for child sexual abusers), if they are free to roam the country side and have uncontrolled thoughts, they will find an outlet for their perversions.

Just so you do not think I am losing my mind and have gone weak on crime, I do have two solutions to this problem. One, do what California does when an offender's prison term is up, they are transferred to a mental facility, presumably for life. The method is still making its way through the court system. The second, and more permanent solution is to make all cases of rape, incest, sexual contact with all minors under the age of 13, and all nonconsensual sexual contact with minors under the age of 18, a capital offense. Put the perverts to sleep with old sparkey. A dead pervert is a pervert no more. If you do not care for the dirt nap treatment, I can live with that by sentencing the low-life kiddy lovers to life with no chance of parole. I know that many an Uncle Charlie has wished for a death sentence after finding their life in prison is worth less than ant crap. Either way, Megan's law does not protect our children. It may make some of us feel good; however, if you want to feel really good, flip the switch on a baby killer.



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Adjusting to College Life

Katrina Simpson-McCleary M.A., Venango Campus Counseling Services



On my first day at Venango Campus, I left the lights on in my car. I had to wait until the person parked next to me came to his car, and asked him if I could jump my car battery using his car. Thankfully, my subsequent experience at Venango has been quite positive. I have found the faculty, staff, and students to be friendly and helpful. Given my somewhat rocky start here, I'm wondering how all of you have been adjusting to campus life. Many of us may believe first-year students have to make the most adjustments, but I know each

year has its own set of challenges, struggles, surprises, and rewards; I thought it might be beneficial to discuss adjusting to college life.

You usually enter school with certain expectations about what college life has in store. Some of you may enter this year excited about the possibilities of new friends, new potential partners, interesting classes, more freedom/opportunities, etc; however, you must also keep in mind these things also come with additional responsibility.

As college students, you are responsible for your academic career. You decide when, where, and for how long to study. You must also decide how much time to give to your other priorities (yourself, partners, family, friends, jobs, and interests).

While some of you think about the positive experiences, others of you know there will likely be a struggle between the old and the new.

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Consumer Power by Hope Lincman

I am sorry, but I have to do it... I have to discuss Wal-Mart. I know many of us shop there regularly. I am guilty of it myself.

First and foremost, many small shops and stores are being put under in our area and many are blaming Wal-Mart. The convenience of purchasing just about everything under one roof is hard to resist. Wal-Mart also continually undercuts or charges less than anyone else in town. If you take a sales flyer in, they will match their competitors' pricing. I did not know that until I had to stand behind a lady in line, that had about 10 flyers, and price changes on most of the products she purchased. Can you sense

some agitation? Jealousy? No, I am sure it was agitation. I will be honest, I am not a patient person.

Another issue I have with Wal-Mart is that of the self-checkout aisles. Not only



Wal-Mart in the news regularly for improper treatment of its employees, not providing adequate health coverage, and cutting their work hours to avoid paying employees full-time benefits, but now they do not even need employees to check out your groceries.

Do I blame Wal-Mart? Well... not exactly. I hold myself

accountable for most of it. Let me elaborate a little. First of all, I am a consumer. Who holds the purchasing power for America? Consumers! We vote with our money each and every day. Where we spend our money... well those are the winning candidates! As I see Wal-Mart putting competing businesses out, I can not blame Wal-Mart. I have to blame myself and the millions of consumers who are voting with their dollars, defining from whom they wish to receive goods and services, which is obviously Wal-Mart.

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Dates to Remember:

- Mid-Semester Break October 6-9
- Thanksgiving Break November 22-27
- Semester Ends December 15
- Spring Semester Begins January 16

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It is likely your beliefs and values may be challenged, informed, and possibly changed by your college experience. The experience can be difficult, not only for you, but for other people in your life. Your relationships with other people will change. You will meet new people and lose contact with some of your friends from high school. If you are living in campus housing, you or someone you know will likely experience roommate conflict.

The reality of the college experience is typically a combination of the positive experiences and the struggles of the difficult ones. Here are a few suggestions to help you navigate your college life.

- Seek out campus resources (e.g., Student Affairs, The Learning Center Peer Tutors, The Writing Center, and The Career Center).

- Talk to other students. You are not the only person struggling and it can help to talk to someone else.
- Join campus organization and clubs. Organizations can be a great way to meet other people who hold similar interests, or you can take the opportunity to join a group whose focus is something new to you.
- Take care of yourself. College can be stressful on your mind, body, and spirit, so take time to nourish all of these parts of you. Eat a balanced diet, get some exercise, and relax.
- Make an appointment at Counseling Services located in 234 Montgomery Hall. My office hours are Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. I can guide you in your efforts to adjust.

Take care.

Katrina

EDITORS NOTE: Katrina's article in Vol. 38 Issue 3 was inadvertently mistitled. It was based on a brochure available through the University of Florida's Counseling Service, which can be accessed at: http://www.counsel.ufl.edu/brochure.asp?include=brochures/counseling_who_needs_it.brochure



Take me Home...by Kacee Kehoe

Hi, my name is Kacee Kehoe. (I'm the cute girl with freckles you see around campus). This is my first semester at Venango Campus as an actual college student. During my junior year in high school, I enrolled in the Jump-Start program at Venango Campus. The program lets qualified high school students take college classes and earn college credits. It was a wonderful opportunity for me because I got a jump start on my education, I met a lot of great people (teachers, students, and staff), and, though this may sound cheesy, found a place where I belong.

In my junior year, along with the Jump-Start program, I enrolled in Cyber School. With the Cyber School, I could take up to 10 college credits a semester. I was in the Jump-Start program for three semesters and graduated from high school in December with 29 college credits. Not only did I get a jump-start into my college education, but I also had fun and met many great people.

Being a high school student and going to college was intimidating to me at first because I had no idea what to expect. After I started class and got to know people around the campus, I felt just fine. The professors I have had show that they

care about the students and are there to help. When people in my classes found out I was in Jump-Start, they took me under their wing and went out of their way to be nice; I do not think those people realize how much I appreciated it. I believe the welcoming atmosphere is just one of the benefits of being on a smaller, friendlier campus.

Even though I really enjoyed the time I spent here at Venango, after I graduated in December, I took a semester off and then decided to attend another college away from home in the fall. I chose to live in the dorms on campus and get the "Real College Experience." It's kind of an embarrassing story, but here it goes. The fall semester came around and I left on a Friday for "Welcome Weekend" for entering freshmen, I stayed Saturday and

Sunday, but then Monday came around and I had classes. I called home that night sobbing and informed my mother I JUST HAD to come home, I hated it there, and I wanted to go back to Venango Campus. Tuesday, my mom came and got me; I sang, "Take me home country roads..." on the way home. On Wednesday, I went to Frame office to see if I could still enroll in classes. Well, Cindy (Bush) in the office was awesome and went out of her way to get me in all the classes I hoped I could get into! So we went back down that night (to that other college), got all my stuff, and the next morning I un-enrolled. I started classes here as soon as I got home.

I am not sure if it was the great teachers here at Venango Campus, the friendly people, the welcoming atmosphere I experienced from being in Jump-Start, or just the fact I didn't like being away from home, stuck in a prison-cell sized room with two roommates, that made me want to come back to Venango Campus so badly. Whatever it was, it all helped me realize this is the college that is right for me!



Dr. George M. Veloudis Named Clarion University–Venango Campus Distinguished Alumnus



Dr. George M. Veloudis of Lexington, Ky., has been named the 2006 Clarion University–Venango Campus Distinguished Alumnus.

Established in 1990, the award is presented to one Venango Campus alumnus each year by the Clarion University Alumni Association. Recipients are honored for their professional accomplishments and extraordinary service to their community and/or humanity which have brought distinction to their alma mater.

Dr. Veloudis maintains a private medical practice specializing in women's health care and infertility and is known in his community for his generosity in treating patients with little or no financial resources. In addition to his busy clinical and surgical schedule, Dr. Veloudis is a member of the faculty of the University of Kentucky, where he teaches in the Reproductive Sciences and Physician Assistant programs.

A widely recognized expert in the field of women's health care, Dr. Veloudis is frequently called upon by the media for information about infertility and in vitro fertilization and is a highly visible and respected health care leader in his community.

Dr. Veloudis will be honored on Thursday, October 5, with a full day of activities at the Venango Campus and a community wide reception at 5 p.m. in Robert W. Rhoades Center. Friends and fellow alumni are invited to attend the reception and may call Theresa Nestor at 676-6591, extension 1211, to make reservations.

He will receive an award the following evening at the annual Clarion University Alumni Association banquet in Clarion.

"My colleagues and I are delighted to recognize Dr. Veloudis for his contributions to the field of medicine and his generosity in providing health care to those in need," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of the campus. "Health care has long been an important focus of the Venango Campus, and we're proud to pay tribute to someone who has had such a significant impact in that arena."

Dr. Veloudis was born and raised in Oil City, the son of George Veloudis Sr. and the late Nancy Skrobat Veloudis. His mother was called "Mom" by many grateful people in the community who were

the beneficiaries of her selfless help over the years. He is the nephew of Kay Skrobat, owner of Kay's Smorgasbord in Oil City.

Following graduation from Cranberry High School in 1981, Dr. Veloudis worked nights while earning two associate degrees at the Venango Campus, in business management and accounting. He was a very active member of the campus community, serving as president of the Business Club, working at the student center, and performing in several plays. He then moved to the Clarion Campus, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1987.

Dr. Veloudis graduated third in his class from the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Mo. He resided in Oil City while interning at Clarion Hospital before completing a residency at the State University of New York at Buffalo and a fellowship at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Veloudis is board certified in gynecology and obstetrics and in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

He has published widely and is active in many organizations, including the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, American Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association, and Beta-Beta-Beta Alumni, among others.

Dr. Veloudis credits Venango Campus with providing the basic skills and learning techniques that allowed him to reach his career goal of becoming a physician.

"Some of my fondest memories are from Venango Campus and the friends I made there," he said. "If time could stand still, I would choose that period in my life to revisit, but, as we all know, time travels on and we must each follow our own unique paths in life."

In his spare time, Dr. Veloudis breeds and races horses and is well known in Kentucky's thoroughbred industry and in the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

Dr. Veloudis was married in June to Tiffany Wade, a teacher, and has three stepchildren, Jordan, Courtney, and Michael Wade. His father and his sister, Lori Veloudis Akin, a graduate of Clarion University's nursing program, also reside in Lexington, Ky.



UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS



Painting "FIFTH" by artist Magdalen Hsu-Li

October 12

Lecture 4 p.m.

Concert 7:30 p.m.

Magdalen Hsu-Li is an internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, painter, and cultural activist who is redefining the female musician and smashing the ceiling in the American music industry. She has been called a "...one-woman dynamo of talent," her music described as "...exquisitely furious, beautiful, and exciting"

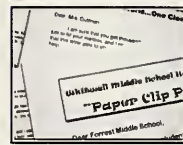
by *Performing Songwriter*, "...sweet, melodic, and real" by the *New York Times*, "...an achingly gorgeous collection of piano based rock recalling the finest moments of Tori Amos or Ben Folds Five" by *Yolk Magazine*, and "...a sumptuous feast for the ears" by *Curve Magazine*. *A Magazine* says, "her blend of hard-grounded folk and sweet siren lyrics makes an enduring impression upon the American music scene... her distinguishing factor is her cool, edgy sound and courage to be sensitive, tender, and feminine. As she carves her identity as an artist in an industry where Asian women are not thought of as musical powerhouses or innovators, Magdalen is a rare force with which to reckon."

October 13 & 14

7 p.m.

PAPER CLIPS (PG)

Paper Clips is a moving and inspiring documentary film that captures how students responded to lessons about the Holocaust—with a promise to honor every lost soul by collecting one paper clip for each individual exterminated by the Nazis. Despite the fact they had previously been unaware of and



unfamiliar with the Holocaust, their dedication was absolute. The plan was simple but profound. The amazing result, a memorial railcar filled with 11 million paper clips (representing 6 million Jews and 5 million gypsies, homosexuals, and other victims of the Holocaust) which stands permanently in their schoolyard, is an unforgettable lesson of how a committed group of children and educators can change the world one classroom at a time.

<http://www.paperclipsmovie.com/synopsis.php>

October 21

7 p.m.

Sophie Scholl-Die Letzten Tage (PG-13)

Munich, 1943: Sophie and Hans Scholl are members of the "Weiße Rose" (White Rose), a resistance group against the Nazi regime. When the siblings lay out fliers at the university, they are caught by the caretaker who calls the Gestapo. After their imprisonment, they are interrogated for days. In the beginning, Sophie manages to bluff the questioning official Robert Mohr, but Hans finally confesses everything. Now Sophie vindicates her ideals, but also tries to protect the other group members. On February 22, the Scholls and their aide, Christopher Probst, are accused of high treason and sentenced to death. As the execution took place the same day, Sophie has to take leave of her family.



<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0426578/plotsummary>



I was having dinner with a friend of mine the other day. In the background, President Bush was on TV. My friend said something to

the effect of, "I will be glad when he is out of office." Not being one to shy away from political debate, I asked her what she meant. She had some general statement of her dislike for the current president. Not being happy with her answer, I pushed a little harder: there she responded (with a bright sparkle in her eyes) that Clinton was a better president than Bush because the economy was better. When asked how her life has changed and/or how the economy has changed, she could not give any examples.



I think that she had fallen into the political spin zone that the majority of the American population has fallen. While the president of the United States can be blamed for many things, in reality, the man is not much more than a figurehead. It takes an act of Congress to get a bill passed. The only real power the president has is to either sign or veto a bill. Yes, he has great influence and can exert great pressure in an attempt to get what he wants; however, in the end it is the members of Congress that have to send him the bill.

While the president does have some independent powers, such as executive orders that carry the force of law, he also has the ability to appoint individuals to positions of great power (many must be confirmed by Congress) and he is commander-in-chief of the armed forces. However, in the terms of the economy, the president (any president) gets a bad rap. The person who sits in the Oval Office has very little direct influence over the economy (other than his every-day influences over congress). The truth of the matter is, it is the Federal Reserve Board that makes or breaks the economy.

The Federal Reserve Board is a quasi-secret and private branch of the federal government that has total control over the monetary system of this country. While it has many responsibilities, for this

discussion I am only going to focus on its most important duty, the setting of the prime interest rate. The "prime" is what it costs for banks to borrow money from the federal government. The Federal Reserve Board (the Fed) has two methods for controlling the money supply. The first is used to combat high unemployment and recessions. When the Fed is in an expansionary mode, they lower the interest rates. That makes it easier to borrow money; it expands the money supply. There is more money in play, making it easier for companies to expand and hire more people. That, in turn, gives you and me more money to spend. The flip side of that is a contractionary monetary policy that restricts the money supply. Used to combat inflation, (inflation for this discussion is rising prices without concern for reason) it raises the interest rate, thus reducing the money supply. With less money to spend, companies will have to lower prices to get consumers to spend their money (reducing inflation). (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Reserve_Board and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monetary_policy)

With that information in mind, take a quick look at the history of the Bank Prime Loan Rate Changes at <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/data/PRIME.txt>. There you will find a history of the prime rate from 1955 to June 29, 2006. On the list, I see a high of 21.5 percent at the end of the Carter Administration. There were double-digit rates from October 13, 1978, until May 20, 1985. That tells me the inflation (rising prices) that began with Carter, a democrat, plagued his predecessor Ronald Reagan, a republican. To prove the fact further, look at the interest rates for the Bush Sr. (republican) and Clinton (democrat) years. Bush Sr. took over with rates around 11 percent (high inflation). During his term, they fell to around 6 percent (higher unemployment). When Clinton took over the interest rate steadily rose to about 9 percent (higher prices). Once Bush Jr. took office, the Fed started lowering the rate (rising unemployment) until September 11, 2001, when the bottom fell out. The disastrous shock waves caused by the falling of the Two Towers were enormous. With an uncertain future, companies held on to their money, and people lost their jobs. The Fed responded by lowering the Prime lending rate to a low of 4 percent on June 27, 2003. Not since

April 13, 1956, had this country seen an interest rate so low. Since 2003, the Fed has been raising the rate; as of June 29 of this year it was set at 8.25 percent. What that tells us is unemployment has gone down, more people are employed, and they have money to spend. Using their newfound money causes demand for products to rise, hence the prices charged also rise. Now we have inflation. As a result, prices are too high, hence, the bursting of the housing bubble that made headlines last week. Home sellers have had to reduce the asking price for their homes. It is now a buyers' market. Please keep in mind this is only a general overview. I understand that in this area, (good) jobs are scarce, and when you are broke, everything costs too much.



There is no happy ground between the low interest rates of times of high unemployment and higher rates connected to higher prices: one thing for sure is the economy knows no party. We the people are going to bitch all the time. We will stomp our feet when we are unemployed and demand the federal government create more jobs (something no government official can do) and we will cry when we are paying more for a dozen of eggs.

For a couple of interesting articles related to this topic check out <http://news.goldseek.com/GoldSeek/1095269452.php> or Google "Federal Reserve Board."

For the above reasons, I have not supported the increase in the minimum wage. Be forewarned, come January when all of us minimum wage workers start making one dollar an hour more, the price of milk and eggs will go up. Not only will my hourly pay go up, but the people who make \$6.15 an hour now will also want a one-dollar an hour raise. The increase will also cause some people to lose their jobs, as small business will not be able to pay the new wages.

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After a recent shopping trip to J.C. Penney with my grandson, I have to ask if today's children would survive if they were raised the way I was. While shopping I noticed a young adult throwing a temper tantrum over a pair of \$95 jeans. I am appalled by the younger generation's "I want it now" attitude. Being a single mother at the age of 13, I knew what it meant to go without. Back then, the only time I saw that much money was in my dreams. My children were raised to be grateful for the new \$10 pair of shoes or jeans that were on sale at Wal-Mart; they were taught how to respect their belongings.

Raised in an extremely poor household, I was grateful for every hand-me-down I received. In our home, children never asked for anything that was of no importance; in my house, new shoes were of no importance. Our parents saw to it that we had all the needed essentials to live. In my father's opinion, one meal a day and wood for the fire were all we needed.

I remember the cold walks to the bus stop because all I had was a thin, threadbare jacket to wear. My pants were ripped across the knees; this was not the style of the day; my mother could not afford the patches. My shoes were hand-me-downs

from my older sister. In fact, during the summer months (from the last day of school to the first day of school the next year), we were not allowed to wear shoes. Shoes were for school only. I never had new clothes until I was 16, a wedding gift from my sister.

As I grew older and saw the new clothes worn by other children, I would want the newer and nicer styles; however, I never owned anything that cost more than \$10 until I left home. My parents always said, "It is not the item you're paying for, it is the name." I still believe that to this day.

My grandson loves the fancy brand name clothes, but he also knows there are several things I cannot afford to purchase. Items such as Mudd jeans or Nike Air Somebody shoes are way overpriced for my budget. He also has learned the importance of money and has no problem working for the expensive items. I have no problem buying them for him if it is something I feel he has earned and deserves. My husband and I will not just hand to him whatever he wants when he wants it.

Children I see today are given anything and everything they want when they want it. I think that is wrong. I often wonder if the children will ever know the true value of a dollar, let alone what an honest day's work is. When the child at the mall threw her fit, the mother just kept saying, "We cannot afford them," but the child was so persistent she got the jeans. In today's society, some parents do not want to be bothered; they give their children whatever they want as long as they leave

them alone. I have also seen parents hand over their credit card and say "Just go get it." I often wonder whatever happened to the word no. When I say no, I mean no. If a child were to throw such a fit with me, I would remove them from the store and spank their behind right away.

When parents hand everything to a child, the parent ends up with a spoiled brat who has no respect for their parents, themselves, or anyone else. When children have no guidelines or structure, they are not being prepared for the future. On the contrary, they are being set up for failure. I understand that, in today's world, parents have to work multiple jobs to make ends meet. They have hectic lives, they are tired, and do not have the energy to fight with their kids. However, when they say, "I just cannot take the screaming and crying, so I give it to them so they will shut up and I can relax," they do not realize they have created a monster and the little monster is going to grow up to be a big monster.

Today's children could have never survived with my parents. They could not survive with me today. I am reminded of how good my life turned out when I see a child throwing temper tantrums in public. I am thankful my children and grandchildren have learned to value the important things and not the material items. That is just my opinion.



Student Senate Round-up

With Shannon Shuffstall

Certainly we all have seen flyers around campus about Student Senate. With freshman elections around the corner and a new semester in full swing, the 2006-2007 senators are trying to bring some new, fresh ideas to the table.

In the first few weeks of school, we already have come up with a few good ideas. One idea will help out freshmen in the future. We have all been through registration; it is a tedious process, especially when you have not done it in the past! Vice President Fran Hyter brought the idea to the table to have Senate and Discovery leaders take on a more active role and be accessible during registration to help freshmen in need. That will help out the freshmen tremendously, as well as helping Penny and Cindy as well!

Another issue that has more recently been brought to the table is the lack of a crosswalk for students residing in the student apartments. There are at least 50 students residing in the apartments, not including students, such as myself, who have friends living down there and cross the street as well. The safety of everyone is an important issue, and we as senators hope to make a difference in this problem.

As the year has just started, only a few ideas have come forth, but expect more in the future! Once Rhoades is reopened, the senators will be easier to find if you have any comments, questions, concerns, or ideas to give to us. Also, keep an eye on the *Venango Voice* as they are having "Meet Your Student Senator" articles. Vice President Hyter and myself have already put ours in, so be on the look out for the rest of the senators!

Meet Your Senator

Shannon Shuffstall

Shannon Shuffstall is a second-year radiology tech student. She declared radiological sciences as her major after hearing about the program from many people; however, she is considering pursuing her childhood dream, studying meteorology.

Shannon is single with two pets which she loves dearly. A hamster named Kasey (after her favorite NASCAR driver) and a cat named Sprinkles. She will also be marking her 24th birthday in less than two weeks.

In Shannon's free time, she enjoys watching NASCAR, listening to music, and hanging out with her friends. When away from school, you can find her walking around Wal-Mart, wearing a lovely blue vest, and pulling a 300+ pound cart behind her. She also enjoys attending concerts. She is looking forward to seeing one of her favorite bands, Chiodos, on Nov. 1 at the Cleveland House of Blues with her best friend, Mandy. She hopes she can meet the band again like she did this summer.

Her school activities include being a member of the Student Senate and the Campus Activities Board as well as the outdoors and ski clubs. Shannon also works for Angel Muschweck as an ITV tech. Once Rhoades opens, you will be able to find her there between classes. If you have comments or suggestions about Student Senate or any of the other clubs she is involved in, or need to talk, find her on campus or on Myspace at <http://www.myspace.com/melinastar>.

Consumer Power-Continued from page 1

When people begin to blame Wal-Mart for loss of jobs... which will happen, as more self-check-outs are installed, we again will have to take the blame. Each and every time you avoid having a person check you out, you are saying to Wal-Mart they do not need clerk positions.

I am not sure how I am to blame for the company mistreating their employees and not providing proper health coverage, but I am sure that as a consumer of their products and services, I am a contributor. After all, I support their company, which in turn supports their employees. If all the millions of people who shop at Wal-Mart on a daily basis suddenly purchased their products and services elsewhere, even for five days, I believe the company would stand up and take notice. Think about it. The average customer spends \$80 per trip. If one million people spending \$80 a day, for five days in a row, all of a sudden did not "vote" at Wal-Mart, the company would certainly stand up and take notice. We, as consumers, have a lot of power to make change.

I believe society needs to be more aware of the power of money. I do not mean the power of wealthy individuals. As I see it, in the consumer's world, a dollar is a dollar. I am not asking people to boycott Wal-Mart, but to be more aware of the power they have as consumers. Each time you spend a dollar, a quarter, a nickel, even a penny, you are voting as a consumer.

So, in turn, when smaller companies close or go out of business, we as consumers can not blame big business. Big businesses only become "big" with the support of consumers.

So... be careful who you blame as I believe the old adage is true: when you point one finger out at someone, three are pointing back at you.



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The nation will not only have inflation because of my new buying power; the unemployment rates will also grow.

While my evidence of this is anecdotal, it is still valid. I was reared in Lansing, Mich., a town that lives and dies with automobile manufacturing.

I can remember my grandmother complaining about the increase in her grocery bill every time the unions won a new contract, and my grandfather spent 30 years in the auto factories. I hold unions much more responsible for our economic problems than I do the president.

One other thing I have not mentioned is that the man that was in charge of the Federal Reserve Board from 1987 to January 2006 was a man appointed by Ronald Reagan (R) and reappointed by Bush Sr. and Bill Clinton (D) - Alan Greenspan. For 19 years, one man stood at the helm of our monetary supply. Think about that.





ALO FALL PIE SALE

The Adult Learners Organization is once again selling their delicious pies. They have 22 varieties of pies, everything from apple to pumpkin to chocolate meringue. All pies are 10 inches in size and come pre-made and frozen; all

you have to do is put them in the oven. ALO also is selling pumpkin rolls and apple dumplings. Pies are \$8 and make great Christmas gifts and take the hassle out of holiday dinner desserts. Orders will be taken until November 6. Delivery date is Tuesday, November 14, just in time for Thanksgiving.

To order a pie, see one of the ALO members or contact Traci Karasinski at s_tkarasins@clarion.edu.

If you want to sell pies and help support this very active campus organization, stop by Lou Adelson's office in 304 Montgomery Hall.



SUHR LIBRARY HOURS DURING THE BREAK

Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday **CLOSED**

E-mail your submission for the *Voice* to

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Trivia Question of the Week

What do:

Arlington, Va.,

Newton Falls, Ohio,

and

Young America, Minn.

all have in common?

E-mail your answer to

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Subject Line: Trivia.

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The last two issues of the Voice have been huge. The last issue at eight pages was twice the normal size; this issue is even larger. However, this may be the last issue of the Voice, why?

Lack of student participation. The Voice needs the support of the Venango Campus students to survive. Without it there is no paper. When Doug Bussell, the editor, devised the motto "Your Campus, Your Paper, Your Voice," he was not kidding. The fees you pay to attend this university pay his salary (don't worry he is not getting rich) and all other production costs.

Unless you become a celebrity or purchase your own



communications outlet, you will never find an easier forum where **YOUR VOICE** will be heard.

You will never find a more convenient publication where your opinions will be published. Doug is hoping for views and opinions other than his own. He truly thought that including photographs of an aborted fetus would have spurred someone to write a refutation. He received nothing. Doug hoped his condemnation of Megan Laws would cause a parent to tell him that he was crazy, again nothing.

Doug tells me that he has no problem turning the Voice into his personal blog. "While I prefer open and free discourse," he said, "I can make this the Anti-Berkley newsletter." I know I do not want to read an "all Doug" newsletter.

So students, faculty and staff, you have the Voice, you have your opinions **USE THEM.**

Doug wants to print your views and opinions of what is going on in the world, your reviews of books, CD and movies. If you write it, people will see it.

Within this issue you will also find reports from many campus organizations and clubs. The clubs also need you support to thrive. Your fees pay for their operations; get something for you money. You will also find Senate is forming three Student Advisory Boards, if you want input on how the campus can be improved, join one, and get involved. **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.**

Give Yourself a Scholarship!

Hope Lineman-Director VC Continuing Education

Do you feel as if you're taking classes on subjects you already know? If so, CLEP is for you! What is CLEP? It is the College Level Examination Program, which is a way for students to receive credit for what they already know. By earning qualifying scores on any one or more of the 34 CLEP tests, students receive credit for the non-major classes of their choice. The examinations test introductory-level knowledge that corresponds to courses in the disciplines of business,

composition and literature, foreign languages, history and social sciences and science and mathematics. While students obtain credit and not a letter grade, the cost is just a fraction of what a normal course would cost. The cost of a CLEP exam is just \$75 including the administration fee. CLEP exams are administered by a Certified CLEP Test Administrator and are completed via the computer right here at Venango Campus, which is an official test site. More than 2,900 institutions

accept CLEP for college credit.

What are the student benefits of taking CLEP exams? First is it aids in reducing student aid debt and or loan amounts. It also allows for quicker progression to higher-level courses, shortens the time students require to earn a degree, and decreases the redundancy of course work. It is also a lower-cost alternative to an extra semester for students who come up short in their final degree check. Most importantly, it allows for quicker identification of career goals by helping students move through undergraduate courses and into those related to their majors.

There are benefits to the university as well. When students CLEP out of a course, it allows more available seats in entry-level classes as students are able to take more advanced courses. It offers the advantage of improved "time-to-degree" performance.

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Let's first start with our Clarion Golden Eagles who in golf, shall I say, are "lighting it up!" The last time we discussed our golf team we had placed first out of 15. Well they have played in two tourneys since then. The first one, we placed first out of 13. Then this past week, we placed second out of 10. If the team can keep up this outstanding performance, we could very possible win our division. We all need to stand behind our Golden Eagles and support our teams.

The past couple of weeks all football fans have been talking about Terrell Owens, a wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys. Reports have been saying that this man overdosed on purpose in an attempt to kill himself. In my opinion, I think he did it just to get the attention. He loves publicity and will do anything to get it. Dallas police have classified Terrell Owens' case as an "accidental overdose," not an attempted suicide, closing their investigation. So there you have it the investigation is closed!

Other buzz that has been going around is how the Steelers are going to finish the season. Last year, they lost a game, and right after went undefeated to finish the season. Is it possible they could do it again?

With the Steelers playing Kansas City, it is going to be very hard for them. I think the Chiefs have the potential to beat the Super Bowl champs, and personally I hope they do. If Pittsburgh has any chance at repeating their winning season of last year, they need to get it done on the practice field; not parading around as Super Bowl champs all the time. So look forward to this Sunday, The Kansas City Chiefs vs. The Pittsburgh Steelers, good luck to both teams! Good talking sports with you all this week, talk to you next week here in the Venango Voice....GO GOLDEN EAGLES!!!



2006 Fall SCHEDULE 2005 PSAC CHAMPIONS 2006 NCAA EAST REGION RUNNERS-UP

Date	Opponent	Results
Sept. 8-9	at Ohio Valley Invitational	Sixth of 18
Sept. 17-18	HAL HANSEN (Clarion Oaks)	First of 15-Finals
Sept. 25-26	at Wheeling Jesuit Invitational	First of 13
Oct. 2	at Westminster Invitational	Second of 10
TBA	at Bearcat Invitational	
Oct. 9-10	at Robert Morris Invitational	
Oct. 14-15	at PSAC Championship (Hershey)	



A Must Read...Hope Lineman

CALLING ALL STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS!!

Now that I have your attention I would like to ask you to pencil in a little time on you schedules for some awesome events that are fast approaching! Phi Theta Kappa, which is a very active student organization, both on- and off-campus, has a variety of events coming up that you should be aware of and take full advantage of. The events are sure to be FUN, LIFE SAVING, and I might add the bonus of TIME SAVING!

As we have made it into October already, you can look forward to a *spooktacular* event...the sixth Annual Halloween Party, Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m.-noon. The event is



sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Adult Learners Organization. The event is open to all children ages 12 and under. This community event is a way for local children to be able to dress up in their costumes, enjoy games, make crafts, fill their trick-or-treat bags, and just have FUN! The event will be held in the newly remodeled Robert W. Rhoades Student Center. The cost of admission is a donation of a canned good or book that will be donated to local charitable organizations. Come on out and join us...but watch out for all the vampires, ghosts and goblins that are sure to be around!

Speaking of vampires...the event we really would like to ask your attendance at is the Phi Theta Kappa blood drive. PTK has invited Central Blood Bank to Venango Campus on Thursday, October 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Robert W. Rhoades Student Center in the gymnasium for a LIFE SAVING collection. There is a critical need for units of blood not only on

an ongoing basis for those who are battling life threatening illnesses but also for increasing the supply in case of emergencies or national crisis. This year, in addition to whole blood donations, you are able to make a double impact on someone's life! Central Blood Bank now has the ability to perform what is called the Double Red Blood Cell Donation (2RBC). This process is done by use of a specialized machine that, as the blood is drawn from your arm, actually separates and collects red blood cells, and safely returns remaining blood components back to you.

The process is safe and reliable. The process also returns saline to replace fluid volume and aid in hydration.

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Are you wondering how you can get a sweet break from studying? Try an activity with Outdoor Activity Club. On Friday September 29 the club met at 8 a.m. and went on its first activity of the school year. We started the morning with breakfast and then grabbed our gear. We started on the Allegheny River in kayaks and a canoe. I am glad there were some experienced outdoorsmen because I for one am not that great with a canoe. We all made it safely across and began our trek up the mountain. One of the best parts of our hike were the abandoned remnants of Oil Country. The mountain contained mazes of old pipes that were used to pump oil. In addition to the pumps, there were old store houses containing huge

barrels and old rusty pumps. At the top of the mountain we took a short trail that opened up too an incredibly beautiful view. We "literally" were staring out over the top of Oil City.

Our group took a few minutes to rest and enjoy the view. Thankful we weren't studying, the group started the descent by looping around the other side of the mountain. We met some deer on our way down and, at one point, they were less than ten yards away from us. In short it was a great hike on a cool autumn morning with good friends. I recommend contacting OAC for a quick get away from studying and to have some fun.



OUTDOOR CLUB EVENTS



Join us for a star-gazing and camping trip!

Camping trip to Cherry Springs State Park... Pennsylvania's Official "Dark Sky Park" On Saturday, October 21- 22! (The peak of the

Orionid meteor shower!) Bring your friends and family for first class stargazing!

Optional activities will include hiking, stargazing tours, mountain biking, or just good times spent eating around the campfire. Price is \$10 (non-refundable) which includes rental vehicles, food, and all other camping expenses. For registration forms or more information go to Student Activities in the Rhoades Center. For further questions please e-mail Jake Kosker: jacokosker@yahoo.com or call 724-433-9180.



Camping Trips: What Should I Bring?

by Jake Kosker

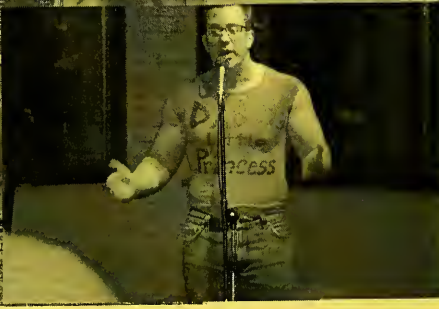
If you are going on any of the Clarion University-Venango Outdoor Club overnight trips, you may wonder what you should bring. To make sure each participant is prepared before the outing, there will be a mandatory meeting on the Thursday before each excursion. Low-impact camping policies, meal planning, weather conditions, and proper gear will be discussed. Below is a list of suggested gear and clothing for overnight trips. Weather can change quickly and trips continue rain or shine.

- Sleeping bag (preferably synthetic, rated at 30° or lower)
 - Sleeping pad
 - Rain gear (jacket & pants)
 - Warm clothing
 - A polyester first layer (top and bottom)
 - Wool or fleece sweater
- Pants
 - Warm wool socks
 - Insulating hat or mittens
 - A scarf
 - Flashlight or head lamp to see in the dark
 - A cup, bowl, and spoon
 - 2 liters of water
 - Small towel
 - Sun screen
 - Bug spray
 - Sunglasses
 - Plastic garbage bags
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Binoculars or telescope (for stargazing)

The CUVOC group members will collaborate to provide the necessary group gear for the trip: tents, tarps, first aid kits, maps, stoves, cookware, and great food!

Welcome Back Rhoades Center

photos by Joseph Vargo



Clarion University–Venango Campus to Offer Executive MBA Program

Clarion University will offer an innovative part-time Master of Business Administration degree, designed to accommodate the busy schedules of working individuals, at Clarion University–Venango Campus beginning in fall 2007. Students whose undergraduate degree is in a field other than business may require pre-requisite foundation courses, which will be offered beginning October 28, 2006.

Courses will feature a blend of live instruction at the Venango Campus several Saturdays per course and Web-based instruction that students can complete at their convenience. Some courses may be offered entirely online. Participants will be members of a cohort of students that will graduate in December 2009.

"Many organizations and community leaders expressed interest in an advanced business degree program with a flexible schedule that combines the stimulating interaction of live instruction with the convenience of web-based classes," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, Venango Campus Executive Dean. "My colleagues and I have spent almost two years incorporating the input of area business leaders into the

design of the program and we've had very positive feedback."

The Clarion University Master of Business Administration program is accredited by AACSB International, the premier national accrediting agency for university schools of business.

Interested students should contact Jerri Gent, Director of Marketing and University Relations, at 676-6591, ext. 1215, for more information.



The Shocking Truth

By CHARITY MYERS

I have become empowered to write this article for my fellow peers. I hope to give you some insights on AIDS and how our government really works. As I was seeking information for my concept evaluation paper, I bumped into a very interesting site on AIDS. Actually, it is a series of clips from PBS and FRONTLINE at (www.pbs.org/frontline) called *The age of AIDS*. It is about how the world has dealt with this epidemic, both politically and scientifically.

I have to admit, I was shocked and felt utter disappointment when I started watching this documentary. Trying to imagine the millions of people who were dying from a disease no one knew about and no one did anything to help. The AIDS virus was unofficially known as "The GAY PLAGUE." Do you know why? It all starts in January 1981, when gay 31-year-old Gaetan Dugas, a Canadian flight attendant (<http://www.avert.org/origins.htm>), was diagnosed with a very rare form of pneumocystis pneumonia. Doctors found his T-cells, or the cells that fight off infections, were almost gone.

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This type of donation allows for a product that is ready for transfusion rather than taking the blood back to a laboratory for processing. There are many individuals who need your help. Come out and join us...you have the power to save a life!



The third event you should mark on your calendar is the upcoming Phi Theta Kappa "Holiday Shopping Extravaganza" which will be Thursday, November 2 in the Robert W. Rhoades Student Center gymnasium, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have holiday savings clubs...checks come out on

November 1! What a great way to get a jump on your holiday gift shopping for family and friends. You will not have to drive anywhere and fight the holiday crowds; you can shop between classes and will be able to purchase items that you will not find just anywhere. What a great TIME SAVING event! There will be a variety of vendors on campus including Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay Cosmetics, jewelry vendors – Rhonda Buckholtz and Jennifer Roth, a local crafter, Kathy O'Neil, who will have sweatshirts and several holiday craft items, candles, food items, and more!

So if you value events that are fun, life-saving and time-saving, these are three events you will not want to miss!



which is a measure of institutional accountability.

CLEP also allows for a decreased graduate indebtedness, allowing the opportunity for increased alumni giving.

When should you consider taking a CLEP exam? It is recommended students consider CLEP early in their academic careers. Students who typically take advantage of CLEP exams are that of transfer, international, returning adult and freshmen students who have taken accelerated programs during their junior and senior high school years. As you are looking at the courses that you need to take and wondering how you will pay for your education, give yourself a scholarship! Take a CLEP exam and shorten the time it takes to earn a degree, save money, and avoid repeating material you already know.

You may obtain more information on CLEP by visiting the College Board website at www.collegeboard.com/highered/clep or stop by the Continuing Education office at 215 Frame Hall and pick up a student information packet with all of the details on how to prepare and how to register. Please discuss your intention to take a CLEP examination with your advisor in advance of registering for the exam.

The CLEP test dates remaining for the 2006-2007 academic year are:

- Friday, October 20, 2006
- Friday, December 15, 2006
- Friday, February 16, 2007
- Friday, April 20, 2007
- Friday, June 15, 2007

On each test date you may test either at 8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.



1,001 Events That Made America: A Patriot's Handbook (A Book Review)
by: Joy Cagil

A very close connection exists between history and chronology, since chronology explains the events that have taken place as the result of what happened earlier. We may know many well-documented accounts of history; however, if these accounts were not given to us in a chronological order, but in a scattered way, we would surely miss the reasons behind those events.

A failure to correlate the history of the United States with its chronology by us Americans or by other nations has resulted in the misunderstanding of the principles we hold dear as a nation. Our ability to defend the truth of the United States depends upon our knowledge of its existence.

Many attempts have been made at noting down the chronology of events here and there, especially in the yearly almanacs a few companies publish; however, they have come short of giving their readers a full historical perspective. Most of those accounts center on the so-called significant events. Because what is significant can be a subjective choice by non-historians, a nation's true past can only be determined through its chronology and on events whose facts all historians agree upon.

1,001 Events That Made America by Alan Axelrod fills this gap by providing the readers with the exact evolution of this country, starting from 40,000 B.C. and ending in 2005 with the Hurricane Katrina disaster. The author calls the book a patriot's handbook, which is a brilliant way of looking at our history and the way we like to exist.

In the introduction of the book, the author claims the events he has chosen represent the consensus by other historians on what is important to us as a nation. In the author's words, "the bare bones timeline" is not enough and the 1,001 events a reader should know about America will bring him closer to this country.

I read quite a bit of history; however, what little I know is scattered. In school, we were told the reason the colonists broke away from England was because of the tax put on the tea imports, which had seemed rather a flimsy excuse to me. In this book, looking at the well-chosen yet concisely-explained events in chronological order, gave me a better understanding of how Northern America's distant past tied to our country and how our country developed a different character from its mother country to bring about the separation.

The author, Alan Axelrod, Ph.D., resides in Atlanta, Ga., and has written two best-sellers, "Patton on Leadership" and "Elizabeth One, CEO." The author's other books are: "The Complete Idiot's Guide to American History," "Nothing to Fear: Lessons in Leadership from FDR," "Office Superman," "Chronicle of the Indian Wars: From Colonial Times to Wounded Knee," "America's Wars," "Ace Your Midterms & Finals: U.S. History," "Profiles in Audacity: Great Decisions and How They Were Made," "What Every American Should Know about American History: 200 Events That Shaped the Nation," "When the Buck Stops with You: Harry S. Truman on Leadership," and "Everything I Know about Business I Learned from Monopoly: Successful Executives Reveal Strategic Lessons from the World's Greatest Board Game." Alan Axelrod has also collaborated with other authors on various history books.

1,001 Events That Made America: A Patriot's Handbook ISBN: 978-0-7922-5307-5 is printed in hardback with 287 pages, containing an introduction and a comprehensive index. This small book, as a gift, will delight anyone and will make an enlightening edition to any library as a reference book.

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Senate News

In the last issue, the photograph of Senator Shannon Shuffstall was inadvertently left out of the Meet Your Senator article. Sorry Shannon.



Meet Your Senator

President Doug Bussell



Doug Bussell (50) hustles under the board.

Doug Bussell, your Student Senate President is a classical definition of a paradox. By all actuary tables, (and members of the RSA board), he has lived well past the halfway mark of his life expectancy. However, he is a recovering adult. The English and Criminal Justice major has had many careers in his short life. Doug has been a projectionist and assistant manager of an adult bookstore, a deputy sheriff (Ingham County, Mich.) and worked with youth on a wagon train. Before coming to Clarion University, he was an

over-the-road truck driver. With 10 years and more than 1 million miles of driving experience under his belt, it was diabetes that caused him to park the big rig and pick up textbooks.

Douglas portrays himself as the strong silent type, however I have seen water in his eyes when he watches extreme makeover-home edition. He claims to enjoy solitude; his actions expose his true desires. Doug has worked in the Learning Support Center, the Suhr Library and teaches Senior Link Computer classes for the Continuing Education Department. His other campus activities have included holding the offices of vice president and president of the Adult Learners Organization. While president of ALO, he organized the professional wrestling event Winter Bash 2005 that brought world famous professional wrestlers to the Venango Campus. If you missed the event, you can purchase a DVD from the IWC at <http://www.iwcwrestling.com/index2.html>. Doug also is editor of this publication and is forming the Venango Vibe, an arts and literary journal of students of this campus.

Some of Doug's favorite activities are geocaching, backpacking, reading *Sword and Sorcery* novels, playing *Dungeons and Dragons*, and spoiling his daughter.

As president of Student Senate, Doug wants to hear from you, he can be e-mailed at s_dmbussell@clarion.edu.

Senate Activity Report

The last couple of weeks have been busy with the Student Affairs office moving from Montgomery Hall to the renovated Rhodes Building. However, your Senate continues to move forward.

At our Sept. 28 meeting, we heard and approved the constitution for the newest campus club RSA. The Resident Student Association is for students who reside in the apartments.

On Oct. 5, the RSA was back with their budget request. Due to the illness of one of its members, the Senate did not have a true quorum for this request; however, we did make the proper exceptions and approved a

very small portion of their request so RSA could begin providing activities for members.

Also at the Oct. 5 meeting, the Senate voted and declined to print a second run of the student calendar. We understand it may upset some of the students who use the free calendars. The Senate felt these calendars were anything but free. The first printing of 200 (which there are some remaining) cost you more than \$2,300 dollars. At \$11+ apiece, Senate members believe there are better and more cost-effective ways to provide a calendar to the students.

Therefore, the Senate is announcing the formation of a student advisory committee

to look at the needs and desires of the Venango Campus Students with regards to producing a calendar. Students on the committee will report their findings to the Senate. If you are interested in participating in the committee, please come to the next Senate Meeting held Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Rhodes Center Conference Room.

On Oct. 5, Senate also formed a committee to devise a contest that will name the new food service facility in Rhodes. Senate also approved a prize of \$250 to be awarded to the winner of that contest. VP Fran Hyter is chairing that committee.

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VENANGO VIBE

The Venango Campus Art and Literary Journal

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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(Vision - Inquiry - Breakthrough - Expression)

is accepting submissions of

Poetry ♦ Short Fiction ♦ Creative Non-fiction

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to be considered for publication in the first issue of the VIBE.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Submission is open to all current and former Clarion University-Venango Campus students, staff, faculty, employees, and alumni.
2. Submissions will be accepted through December 1, 2006.
3. All work submitted must be ORIGINAL and UNPUBLISHED. By submitting your work, you are attesting that the submission is your own original work and that it has not been previously published. Should your work be published in the Venango VIBE, the VIBE holds the right to publish your work in a print issue and online. All other rights for future publication revert to the author, though we ask that authors acknowledge the work's first publication in the VIBE.
4. All submissions will be reviewed through a blind referee process. In plain English, that means that the selection committee will NOT know the identity of the writer/creator during the review process.
5. Submit:
 - a cover letter providing your name, contact information (mailing address, email address, telephone number), Venango Campus affiliation, AND the titles (or first lines, in cases of untitled pieces) of the works that you are submitting,
 - one (1) electronic version OR two (2) computer-printed copies of your original work* with ALL references to your identity REMOVED,
 - a stamped, self-addressed envelope (SASE) for the return of hard copies of your work. If you do not provide a SASE, your work will be discarded at the end of the current academic year.

*Electronic submissions are accepted and preferred. Written work is accepted as a .doc (Microsoft Word preferred) attachment. Computer-printed (paper) copies of written work are acceptable; hand-written work is NOT acceptable. Please limit written submissions to 4 – 6 poems or no more than 10 - 12 pages (double-spaced) in length. Send artwork (photography, drawing, etchings, computer-generated art) as a .jpg or .pdf file. Do NOT send loose photographs, drawings, or other artwork in hard copy (paper, canvas, etc.). While color artwork can be submitted, it will be published only in black and white. Submissions that do not meet these guidelines will be rejected AND will not be returned unless stamped, self-addressed packaging is provided.

Anonymous or pseudonymous submissions will NOT be accepted. While an author may choose to conceal his/her identity in the final publication, the author must declare his/her identity in the cover letter AND make clear his/her wish to publish anonymously OR pseudonymously.

6. Submit these items to:

Dr. Ellen Foster, V.I.B.E. Advisor
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Clarion University - Venango Campus
1801 W. First Street
Oil City, PA 16301
7. Address inquiries regarding submission guidelines to the Venango V.I.B.E. at venangovibe@clarion.edu. Copies of the submissions guidelines are available at our public Jupiter space. You may also contact V.I.B.E. staff members, Doug Bussell (s_dmbussell@clarion.edu) or Dan Gordon (s_dwgordon@clarion.edu) or the faculty advisor, Dr. Ellen Foster (efoster@clarion.edu; x 1278).
8. Responses regarding the status of submissions (acceptance or rejection) will be mailed (or emailed) by March 1, 2007.

What is the Venango VIBE

By Daniel Gordon

Hello, my name is Daniel Gordon, and I represent the Venango V.I.B.E. as co-editor along with Doug Bussell. The V.I.B.E. is a literary publication that will be published about once a year. By literary publication, we don't mean submissions are strictly of highbrow literary quality. No, in fact you can submit pictures, poetry, artwork, anything that is representative of your personal artistic, linguistic, aesthetic, and any other *ic* you can think of. Let me break it down to you: were looking to provide an outlet to those of you who may write short stories, poetry, or take pictures, paint or whatever. Those of you who would like to share your work so as to gain a sense of accomplishment or just to see your work in print should consider submitting your work. We also need committee members who will actually be choosing the works published. We need help with the V.I.B.E. Website and a million other tasks a new publication is going to face.

I hope that through V.I.B.E., we will create a micro community for the written and visual arts where those interested can come to critique, compare, and share their work with one another, thereby elevating the content of the V.I.B.E. each year, and consequently enriching the minds of the Venango Campus community.

If anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to stop me, or e-mail me at s_dwgordon@clarion.edu. I'll be happy to answer any questions I can. I cannot wait to hear from the writers and artists that I know are out there.



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Senate is also announcing the formation of two other Student Advisory Committees. The first is the Food and Facilities Committee. This committee will look at the policies of the Rhodes Center Food Service to include hours of operation, menu choices and other items regarding the Rhodes Center.

The second committee will address the needs and desires of the students with regards to Montgomery Hall. As everyone who has spent anytime in Montgomery Hall knows, the furniture is old and falling apart. This committee will look at the various items needed to fix this problem.

If you are interested in any of these committees or have a comment for the Senate, please attend the next meeting. Meetings are held every Thursday at 3:30pm in the Rhodes Center Conference room.

Campus Events by P.P. Pixley

With the Rhodes Center reopening last week, CAB provided two outstanding performers. First on stage was comedian Jamie Lissow. Jamie has performed on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," and "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn."

Born in New York, Jamie now resides in Los Angeles. Jamie was not discouraged by the low turn out. He performed his best material for the 20 or so students and staff who attended the event. Jamie said afterward that it was like performing in

someone's living room. He loved it. He was duly impressed with our new Rhoades Center.



The second performer to grace our new facility was Jared Campbell. Jared Campbell, a 23 year old singer-songwriter from Binghamton, N.Y., has developed himself as a fixture in the Northeast independent music scene. By connecting with his audience on a

personal level, Jared has not only built a loyal fan base but has also sold more than 10,000 CDs - a major accomplishment for an independent artist.

Although Jared has cut his teeth mainly in college markets, his thought-provoking lyrics and melodic vocals cross many genres and appeal to many demographics. The fans Jared gains are loyal and continually crash his Website with an average of over 3,500 visitors a month. With the ever-growing list of college campuses being added to his tour schedule, he is quickly becoming one of the hottest college acts in the country!



While laying this tremendous foundation, Jared has achieved a number of career

milestones that include being chosen by MTV Books to record a track for the soundtrack of their short story collection "Lit Riffs" and sharing the concert stage with national acts such as Jason Mraz, Gavin DeGraw, Journey, Matt Nathanson, Sister Hazel, and more. The celebration concert for the release of his first full-length CD, "Rest Out," sold out the 1,500 seat Forum Theater.



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Shortly after the report, a doctor in Florida had several patients including women and children with the exact same symptoms. It was found that not only was this disease occurring in the United States, but other countries as well - France, China, Brazil, and Africa, just to name a few.

There was a state of panic around the world. Doctors did not know how to prevent this deadly disease; our government and president did nothing. I find it deeply disturbing that Ronald Reagan did absolutely nothing to help the people who were dying from AIDS. Not once did he address the fact that it was not just gay men, but also women and children who were becoming infected with AIDS. Government officials in other countries also did nothing to help there own people survive. A doctor in China who took his patients from villages to the city to get help was thrown into jail. In the mean time, millions of people died from AIDS.

Gay Activists enraged by this lack of support marched on Washington to fight for funding and government research. President Clinton claimed his hands were tied; that there was nothing he could do. Clinton stated

it was not up to him; he blamed the Senate for throwing it right back at him and denying the fact that other Americans besides gays were infected.

Children like Ryan White had to withdrawal from school because he became infected with AIDS from a blood transfusion. Can you imagine being 13-years-old and ostracized by people in your own community for being sick? The teenager and his family went through hell. I am sure he was not the only child with a disease caught by no fault of their own. At this time of our history, blood was not being tested. It was almost a decade before doctors discovered a way to test for this disease. George Bush Sr. finally put forward a plan to help not only Americans, but other citizens of other countries too. Only problem is there really is not enough money for research. Much of the money was used toward educating people on how to use abstinence as a preventative measure.

If you want to know the real story of AIDS watch the special. I guarantee that you will learn something new.

CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

The Suhr Library has an available position for a student worker.

For more information contact
Nancy Clemente at the library.

TRIVIA

To find the answer to last week's trivia question,
do a zip code search.

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This was a personal success for Jared, as this is a venue where Jared attended many concerts while he was growing up and always dreamed that someday he would be the one on the stage!

As Jared explains, his goal "is to have his music impact the lives of his listeners, whether it be a feel good song like 'Only Getting Better' or a deeply-rooted song about overcoming life's obstacles such as 'Catch A Glimpse of Blue.'" Although Jared's recordings are mostly full band productions, Jared typically performs as a solo acoustic artist, which affords him the opportunity to invite listeners into the depth of his songs. His debut EP "Where It All Begins" only hints at the depth of his songwriting ability which makes listeners not only discover who Jared is as a person but forces the listener to reflect on their own lives. "Rest Out" highlights Jared's growth as a musician while the songs take his fans to another level-one that builds upon Jared's continuing theme of not only entertaining but also provoking...

Source:<http://www.discmakers.com/imws/bands/2005/jaredcampbell.asp>



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STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Rename and Design the Logo for Venango Café

\$250 Prize!

by Fran Hyter

Food and Facilities Committee Chair



Student Senate's Food and Facilities committee is sponsoring a

contest to rename and design a logo for the Venango Café. The contest is open to all Venango Campus students. The prize for the winner will be \$250 cash! The winner will be revealed in a renaming reception to be held in Rhoades Center in the Spring. The contest will be open for submissions from November 1 until December 15. Entry forms and contest rules can be picked up at the Rhoades Information Desk or at the Student Affairs

office. When you need a break from studying, remember the logo contest and you could be the one who wins the \$250 prize. I challenge all of you to be as imaginative and creative as possible. Become a part of the history of Venango Campus by renaming and designing the logo for the Venango Café. We are also looking for two students to sit on the panel of judges. For more information on the contest or becoming a judge, contact Fran Hyter at s_fhyter@clarion.edu. You can also find her at the Rhoades Information Desk, and in the Student Affairs office.

Calendar Committee

Now Forming

by P.P. Pixley

Here is your chance to determine how your student activity fees are spent. Student Senate President Doug Bussell is chairing the Student Calendar Advisory Committee. The committee will consist of student body members and will examine the needs and desires of Venango Campus students on two issues. Do Venango Campus students want part of their fees used to produce a Student Activities calendar? And if so, what type of calendar do they want? In addition, what is the most cost efficient way to provide the calendar?

Doug is looking for five to seven students to act as advisors on the two issues. He says, "The advisors' end report will be used to determine if the Senate will use your funds to produce the calendar as it has done in the past." The Senate earlier this year decided not to authorize a second printing of the calendar because there are copies left over from the first printing of 200 copies and because of the cost. The committee members will ask the important questions regarding the calendar. The first meeting of the committee is in November and a final report will be presented to the Student Senate in late-February or early March. The Senate will then use the information in determining next year's budget. So, Venango Campus students, here is your chance to influence how your student fees are spent. For more information, or to become a member of this important committee, contact Doug. You can e-mail him at s_dmbussell@clarion.edu or find him on campus; or attend a Student Senate meeting, which occurs at 3 p.m. Thursdays in the Rhoades Center conference room. **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.**

Montgomery Hall Committee Now Forming

by P.P. Pixley

Student Senate has formed a committee to look at what can be done about the furniture and decor of the Montgomery Hall fourth floor lounge. Anyone who has spent time there knows it is time for something to be done; the big questions are what and how to pay for it. Money for capital

improvements are in short supply and some creative ideas are needed. Maria Alfred, student senate treasurer, is chairing the committee. She has been charged with two tasks. First, determine

what are the needs and desires of the students. Is there a preferred style of furniture? Should the fourth floor lounge be strictly a lounge-type environment for relaxation between classes or should it be a study area? The second and more difficult task will be finding funds to pay for any such renovations. The members of the committee will report their findings to the Student Senate and reach out to other campus and community organizations. Here is a chance for you to have your opinions about the campus heard. If you would like to sit on the committee, contact Maria Alfred at s_mkalfred@clarion.edu or come to the next senate meeting. Senate meets in the Rhoades Center conference room at 3 p.m. Thursdays. Do not let the opportunity to express your voice pass you by.

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Dealing with Stress...as if there is any!

by Hope Lineman

Many students at Venango Campus are returning adult students who are juggling family, education, and careers. As a returning adult, I often wonder how I am going to get all the "to do" items checked off my list. I sometimes tease that I may be immortal and will not die because my in-box is always full! There is the daily transport of children, who I might note, have more of a social life than I ever had, paying the bills, household responsibilities, work, assignments piling up, and a laundry pile that is sometimes taller than a 5-year-old child. You get the picture—there are a lot of things to do on a daily basis. Just getting through some days is a challenge. We all can relate. What makes us feel overwhelmed? Often, the feeling is caused by worry, fear, wanting to cross the finish line even before the race begins, guilt, regret, and frustration. The feelings are all non-productive. It is easy to blow up in anger, but when you think about what is really bothering you, it is often things you should not be concerned about in the first place. How do I know? In a moment of desperation, a few years ago, when I was sweating the small stuff, a friend handed me a piece of paper, which I have carried with me ever since. I value the list more than any other book of information I have come across. I am sharing the words of wisdom

with fellow students to perhaps help someone else.

The Second Ten Commandments

1. Thou shall not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
2. Thou shall not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
3. Thou shall not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.
4. Thou shall face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time anyway.
5. Thou shall not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
6. Thou shall not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can.
7. Thou shall not try to relive yesterday. For good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!
8. Thou shall be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are

talking, and some people do know more than you do.

9. Thou shall not become "bogged down" by frustration, for 90 percent of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.
10. Thou shall count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.

I have no idea who actually wrote The Second Ten Commandments, so I can not give credit to the author. All I know is that as a busy wife, mother, daughter, sibling, aunt, great aunt, student, teacher, leader, and friend, I remind myself of this list whenever I start to feel overwhelmed. Trust me... it helps to have a reality check once in awhile.



Sports with Evan Basham

As promised, I wanted to touch on professional bowling. To me, bowling is a huge sport. I love pro bowling. Just to give you an update on one of the greatest bowlers of all time, Walter Ray Williams Jr. won his 42nd career Denny's PBA Tour title September 24, defeating Pete Weber, 289 to 236. Winning the Dydo Japan Cup title match made Williams the tour's all-time title leader. Pete Weber also is an amazing bowler. He has been around a long time and understands lane conditions; he can adjust to the ever-changing lane conditions like no one else. In the Dydo Cup, Walter Ray threw just a little bit better game. If you are interested in watching bowling on live TV, every Sunday at 1 p.m., it is on ESPN. It is truly amazing to watch the bowlers work. If you think you are a good bowler, just watch these athletes pick up spares that give us mortals

nightmares. Check out more at www.pba.com for all the weeks' highlights.

On a more serious issue, the Pittsburgh Penguins are at risk of being sold and moved to Canada. The Penguins have been around for a very long time. So why sell the team? The simple answer is CASH. The team owners are more interested in cash than the Steel City fans. Yes, the Penguins do suck. However, to move them is like saying let's take the Pirates out of Pittsburgh because they have not won a World Series since the dark ages. It makes no sense whatsoever. Right now, the sale is still up in the air. If fans of the city would raise a fuss, buy some tickets, and show their support, maybe we could keep our teams where they belong—in Pittsburgh. I will let everyone know what the team owners choose to do. Until then, we all need to support our Penguins and stand behind

them. I think it is time to let the world know there is more to sports teams than MONEY! Traditions are more important than cash. Whether you like the Pens or not, I'll bet there is a part of each of you out there that does not want them to go. So stand by them, support them, and GO PENS!

As our Golden Eagles continue their football road trip, we have officially won our first game. The next home game is Oct. 21 against Edinboro. Everyone needs to head to Clarion for the game and support our struggling team. I believe we are going to get better, even though we have six losses; we are going to come back. Have faith and we will rise! I am calling the score for the Edinboro game at 20 to 17, Clarion! So come out and watch us win the game.

GO GOLDEN EAGLES!

INTERNATIONAL RADIO PERSONALITY TO SPEAK
AT CLARION UNIVERSITY-VENANGO CAMPUS



Dr. Dan Roberts, executive producer and host of the award-winning public radio series, *A Moment in Time*, will be

the featured speaker at the second annual Barbara Morgan Harvey Center for the Study of Oil Heritage lecture. The program will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 19, in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium at Clarion University-Venango Campus. It is free and open to the public, and a dessert reception will follow the lecture.

Roberts will discuss *Present at the Creation: Scenes from the Early Days of the Pennsylvania Oil Boom*.

A Moment in Time was created to excite and enlighten the public about the past, its relevance to the present, and its impact on the future. Roberts created the program in 1993, while doing historical commentary for National Public Radio. It is now broadcast worldwide, with more than 2.5 million listeners daily on more than 120 public and commercial radio stations, XM and Sirius Satellite Radio, Voice of America, and 400 stations of the Armed Forces Radio Network.

Roberts also has been a guest contributor and columnist for *Education Week*, *USA Today*, *The Scripps-Howard Papers*, and many other publications.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Presbyterian College in 1969, Roberts served as an officer in the U.S. Army, including a tour of Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star in 1971. In college, Roberts began training as a Presbyterian minister and he completed his professional education at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1974.

In August 1986, his work as a minister was recognized when he was invited to serve as guest chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

In 1990, Roberts obtained a master's degree from the University of Richmond and, in 1997, a doctorate in British and American colonial history from the University of Virginia. He is a professor of history at the University of Richmond with teaching and administrative responsibilities in the School of Continuing Studies.

Roberts is president of Broadcast Partners, LLC, where he produces and hosts, in addition to *A Moment in Time*, *Climbing Jacob's Ladder: Milestones in African American History*.

In addition to being a Presbyterian minister, a popular jazz pianist, and an avid reader, Roberts travels to interesting places in the world, doing research in his continuous quest to popularize history. He is developing a newspaper column and has completed a pilot of *A Moment in Time* for television, both based on the popular radio show. He also spends time as a popular speaker for corporations, organizations, and national audiences.

The Barbara Morgan Harvey Center for the Study of Oil Heritage was established in memory of Mrs. Harvey by her husband, Joseph Harvey, a former Clarion University trustee and a strong supporter of the Venango Campus since its inception nearly 45 years ago, and his children: Joseph, Jr., of Bethel, Maine; Thomas, of Pleasanton, Calif.; David, of Slippery Rock; and Judith, of Sarasota, Fla.

The Harvey Center, located in the Charles L. Suhr Library at the Venango Campus, is an endowed clearinghouse for scholarship and research about Pennsylvania history that includes books documenting the history of the region, newspaper clippings from the early 1900s, minutes from the meetings of early oil companies from the late 1800s, maps, photographs, and other materials.

In addition, the Harvey family created an endowment to support ongoing educational activities at the center to bring local history to life.



Barbara Morgan Harvey



Meet Your Senator

Abby Essigmann

Abby Essigmann is a second-year radiological science student who is in the process of applying to hospitals to finish up her college career. When she is done, she hopes to become a medical sonographer.

When Abby is not in class, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, listening to music, working out, spending time with her family, and playing with her black lab, Shadow. She likes being involved and getting her voice heard around campus.

This is Abby's second year on Student Senate. In her first year, she was secretary, and this year she is an active senator. Abby loves getting involved and is an active member of CAB (Campus Activities Board) and is secretary of RSA (Resident Student Association) at the resident apartments.

Abby has been employed in the Student Affairs department for one year and works at the information desk at the newly renovated Rhoades Student Center. If you have comments or suggestions about Student Senate or any clubs in which she is involved, you can find her around campus or e-mail s_essigman@clarion.edu.

Ozone, created by electric cars, now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, Mexifornia, formerly known as California.

White minorities still trying to have English recognized as Mexifornia's third language.

Baby conceived naturally -- scientists stumped!

Couple petitions court to reinstate heterosexual marriage.

Iran still closed off; physicists estimate it will take at least 10 more years before radioactivity decreases to safe levels.

France pleads for global help after being taken over by Jamaica.

Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.

Humor to Think About

Headlines circa 2089

George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2096.

Postal Service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only.

85-year, \$75.8 billion study: diet and exercise are the keys to weight loss.

Average weight of Americans drops to 250 lbs.

Japanese scientists have created a camera with such a fast shutter speed, they now can photograph a woman with her mouth shut

Massachusetts executes last remaining conservative.

Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.

Average height of NBA players now nine feet, seven inches.

New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters, and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2096.

Congress authorizes direct deposit of formerly illegal political contributions to campaign accounts.

Capitol Hill intern indicted for refusing to have sex with congressman.

IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.

Florida voters still having trouble with voting machines.



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- Thanksgiving Break November 22-27
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Why are we often afraid to Speak Our Peace? When searching for the origin of this phrase, I began to wonder was it ever once Speak Your Piece?

In a democratic society with freedom of speech, why is it we often feel the weight of oppression when it comes to verbalizing our thoughts? Have we found our path in life easier to navigate by remaining silent on issues we simply do not have the energy to address? I know it has been true for me.

There is so much gray area in life, why would we add to this by ignoring the plain, black and white issues, when we clearly see something in need of change? Why do we hesitate to intervene? Perhaps because we have not learned to communicate, i.e. Speak Our

Peace (Piece?) in a direct, kind, and logical way. Even the most difficult issues can be addressed successfully by utilizing a few basic principals.

If it waddles and quacks, I would say it was a duck. If the majority of those around me see the same, and clearly, we should not be seeing a duck, then it is time for someone to Speak Their Peace (Piece): This being "Excuse me, I couldn't help but notice those beautiful webbed feet of yours." "I don't think I have seen feet like that here before." Simply by verbalizing our observations we can begin a smooth exchange of vital information.

Sometimes our observations contain critical information, a piece of information that could hinder desired progress or change. I know you are thinking

"in a perfect world maybe;" however, I encourage you to push through this (perhaps?) emotionally driven roadblock. Remember this saying "nothing changes... nothing changes." If we do not initiate change, we can expect no change. Someone once told me that Ben Franklin defined insanity as "doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results." Why would we expect change when we are unwilling to acknowledge and *verbalize* the need for it? I have never known an expert mind reader. If we do not say what is on our mind, then nobody will know, and we have nobody to blame but ourselves. Sometimes somebody needs to hear what we have to say. Having learned it, I know I will address one such situation in my personal life this week. I invite you to bravely do the same.

Clarion University-Venango Campus Awards Scholarships

The Clarion University-Venango Campus Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Nursing majors Jhoanalyn Brandt of Seneca and Jamie Myers-Huff of Utica were awarded Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City Women scholarships.

The Dr. and Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Endowed Scholarship in Memory of William J. McFate and Judge William E. Breene was awarded to nursing majors Valerie Petergal, the daughter of Anthony Petergal of Conneaut

Lake; Lisa Byers of Tidioute; and Kelly Bish, the daughter of Dale and Martha Bish of Glen Campbell. Other recipients of the Phillips Scholarship are Amber Delp of Titusville, who is majoring in radiologic sciences, and psychology majors Amber McMillen of Seneca and Marietta Alfred of Tionesta.

The Glenn R. McElhattan Scholarship was awarded to Heather Swarm of Oil City, who is majoring in physics and cooperative engineering; Andrew Tygert, the son of J. Rich and Janie Tygert of Franklin, who is majoring in Spanish education; and Nicole

Scott, the daughter of Peter and Debra Scott of North Huntingdon, who is majoring in nursing.

Criminal justice major Jayme Millar, daughter of Thomas and Judy Millar of Oil City, was awarded the Venango Campus Endowment Scholarship.

The Oil City Rotary Scholarship was received by computer science major Matthew McClellan, the son of Kelley McClellan of Oil City.

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A Disturbing Short Story with Relevance by Hope Lineman

I read something very disturbing the other day. It was a short story that was required for an English Literature class. Why do I choose to share this with you? Well let me tell you about the story and then why I feel compelled to share my thoughts.

"The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson is a story of an unknown town that holds a lottery each year. Everyone gathers in the town square to select a piece of paper out of a box. The winner is known by drawing the paper with a black dot on it. There did not appear to be any reason for the lottery drawing. For an event that occurs each year, the townspeople seemed reluctant to partake in the event, yet they do so without question. If you are the lucky winner of the lottery you get to be stoned to death. There is no thought as to what they are doing or that a life will be taken. They did not stone people because they were not productive or lame. Selection was solely based on a drawing. It could have been a child, a mother, a father or grandparent. The fact was they did not view it in a way with emotions or feelings but rather a process.

My reason for sharing this shocking short story is to make you stop and think about how many things we do daily that are

harmful to our lives, and yet we pursue them anyway without thinking of the end result. I think of lighting up cigarettes, drinking alcohol, verbally or physically abusing people, and driving recklessly to name just a few. All of these actions become habits over time. You may try it once, then a second time, and then pretty soon it is an everyday occurrence or a habit. Why do we do it? We each have the choice to stop and think of what we are doing in our actions and our words every single day. We each have the choice to make changes in our lives. We each have the choice to not harm others. Yet everyday I pick up the paper and read of people who have died from or because of their actions. There seems to be so little regard for human life these days. The story calls to my mind the many people that suffer lung cancer and other cancers because of a life choice that they have made. I also think of the list of individuals being charged with DUIs. Just a few days ago, the front page story was on an individual that lost her life to an abusive spouse. Each of these examples stands to show how individuals get into a habit of smoking, drinking, or they are perpetrators of abuse. These represent habits individuals have become accustomed to so much that they do not even question what it is they are

doing or why. They are harming themselves and others around them. The list does not need to be blatant health issues either. Perhaps you are a workaholic and you place work ahead of family. Perhaps you are an individual who is controlling and you point out everyone else's inadequacies. These are all issues of how we are able to have habits that are detrimental and end up affecting others and ourselves.

We may not live in an unnamed town that holds an annual lottery drawing, but I have to wonder if the theme behind this story does not exist in our communities. How many things do we do on a daily basis that have the potential to harm us, yet we do them without even giving it a thought? Shirley Jackson is able to get people's attention with such an incredible story by showing how, when behaviors become ritualistic, even when they are detrimental, they become an unquestioned habit. I think she was trying to warn its readers of being so ritualistic that we do not analyze the process of what we are involved in. Jackson is making the reader realize just how detrimental rituals or habits become when they are not questioned. So each and every day ask yourself... why am I doing this?

Sports With Evan Basham



I have a new Superbowl pick, the Chicago Bears. Week after week, the Bears have been showing that they really want the Lombardi Trophy. Rex Grossman has finally proved to me he could be a

Superbowl champion; gamblers do not count out the Chicago Bears when placing your bet.

Sticking to the NFL, the Steelers have not had a great season. Things are looking better after their trouncing of the K.C. Chiefs. This week the Steelers should not have any trouble repeating their stellar performance against the Oakland Raiders. However, the Steelers need to pick up the pace a little bit or else they have no chance of making it to Miami for the Superbowl. Both players and coaches need to be aware it is not going to be as easy this year,

everyone wants to beat the "un-beatable" Steelers. No team will be going lightly on them. We will see how Pittsburgh responds as the season evolves.

With last week kicking off the PBA (Professional Bowling Association) tour, many bowlers will be online talking to fans all this week, so don't forget to point your web browser at www.pba.com and get some tips from the professionals. Coming up on October 29, at 1 p.m. (ESPN) is the finals of the USBC (United States Bowling Congress) Masters; tune in and check it out!

College Basketball is on the horizon! Colleges across the nation will be having their try-outs over the next few weeks. Coaches will be looking for players who want to make the difference for their team. For example, JJ Reddick left the Duke Blue



Devils and Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski is desperately searching for a replacement. I believe coach K will never find a player as good as JJ Reddick. Clarion Golden

Eagles Coach Ron Righter is finding out what his team will be made of this year. One may tell themselves that it's not important at this point of the season, but coach Righter is going to make sure his team is in tip top shape before the season's first game. I look forward to a great year of Golden Eagle basketball.

Thanks Venango, I will talk to you next week.

GO GOLDEN EAGLES!!!!!!!

Editorial Misconduct by Doug Bussell



The following was e-mailed to me.

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with

this! That is straight forward advice for anyone. Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a high school about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talked about how feel-good, politically correct teachings have created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how that concept has set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TRIES as you want to get



the right answer. That doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

If you can read this - Thank a teacher! If you are reading it in English -Thank a soldier!!

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Louise Card of Oil City, who is majoring in radiology and biology, was awarded the Frank Clark Scholarship.

The Zonta Club of Oil City-Franklin Scholarship was awarded to Kathryn L. Burdick, the daughter of Brian and Leauria Davis of Seneca, who is majoring in business and finance.

Gwendolyn Snively of Franklin, who is majoring in nursing, was the recipient of the Highmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield Scholarship.

Nursing major Rachel Stanton, the daughter of Tim and Karen Stanton of Mercersburg, was awarded the Regional Vision Scholarship.

Stephen Fox, who is majoring in criminal justice and is the son of Clay and Susan Fox

of Oil City, received the Oil City Lions Club Scholarship.

Venango Campus Scholarships were awarded to Abigail Tygert, the daughter of Tim and Cindi Tygert of Seneca, who is majoring in intercultural studies, and Megan Warner, the daughter of Brian and Brenda Warner of Titusville, who is majoring in elementary education.

CONGRATULATIONS



PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month (October), Venango Psychology Club is sponsoring an "Empty Place at the Table" to be set up in Rhoades Center Cafeteria from October 23 through October 26. The empty place at the table helps us to remember victims of domestic violence and the effect their deaths have on those who knew and loved them. Information about domestic violence and where to go for help will be available, as well as a volunteer at certain times each day to answer questions about Domestic Violence

In conjunction, on October 30 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in Rhoades Center student conference room (by the pool tables) Vicki Confer from PPC (a multi-service network for victims in crisis) will be presenting "Healthy Relationships."

Snacks will be available for the presentation.

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Trivia to Think About

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?



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Employment Checklist

- ☐ People always ask you questions about class or studying
- ☐ You naturally find yourself helping people to understand ideas/concepts
- ☐ You are good at explaining "things"
- ☐ You need some extra cash
- ☐ You would like a nice job in a clean and attractive environment
- ☐ You enjoy helping others to achieve
- ☐ You would like to get international recognition for your work with people

If you checked at least three of the above items, you should consider becoming a Tutor at the LSC, third floor Montgomery.

Call x1343 or stop by 221 MH and check out the advantages of working for the Learning Support Centers!

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Tailgaters or should I say women in a hurry?

By Hope Lineman



The results are in! I selected five people including myself to keep tally on the number of times they have encountered being tailgated in the past two weeks. Also being tracked was the gender of the tailgater. We decided as a group to define tailgating as when drivers are within one car length of our rear bumpers. I might add that when traveling at the normal rate of speed, 45 mph, if you need to stop quickly, you will more than likely be rear-ended in this situation...so wear a seat belt! Fortunately for everyone involved in this survey, I can report that there were no accidents.

As a female driver, I am sad to say females won! While monitoring the number of times tailgating occurred, females were responsible in 83 of the instances. Are women typically concerned with fuel efficiency

that they hope to save a little on gas by riding off the air currents ahead of them? Where are they in a hurry to go? Are they so stretched for time that by pushing someone down the road they believe they will save themselves an additional three seconds? If they rear-end someone, I am afraid to say it will probably halt any time savings for the remainder of the day and probably into the next.

I have written about tailgating previously in The Voice...so it is a pet peeve of mine. It bothers me worse than finding the kids' dirty laundry on the floor or the toothpaste cap left on the counter. The reason tailgating is a pet peeve of mine, is the fact that two of the most precious things in my life are usually in the back seat. If we are hit from behind, there is nothing I can do

to protect my children.

It is hard enough for tailgaters to stop on dry roads let alone icy, snow covered roads. Everyone should drive with the three second rule in mind. That means that as the car ahead of you passes an object at the side of the road, you should be able to count...one one thousand, two one thousand, three one thousand, before you pass that same object. If you can not do that, you are too close. As we enter the winter months, if this message reaches a few individuals who repeatedly tailgate, my work here will have been done. I am hoping it reaches the ones that follow me!



OLD SCHOOL PARENT-LEARNS NEW SCHOOL TRICKS

by Mike Shontz

In my late teens and throughout my 20s I enjoyed playing video games. Then, my daughter was born. When she was old-enough, she started playing games with me. She seemed to enjoy them as much, if not more than I did. We enjoyed countless hours playing a variety of games on numerous gaming systems.

There came a time when I felt I had to be old school about video-games. You know, all the stuff we parents tell our kids, such as you are warping your mind with those games, video games will stunt your intellectual growth, or you will become an unhappy and violent person. However, my epiphany did not take place until my daughter reached middle

school age, so the damage had already been done and could not be reversed. At least that is what was going through my own video gaming warped mind.

Like any teenager, she ignored me and kept on playing video games. I finally had to set some guidelines I felt were fair; she agreed to them with little force. That was until the Internet age hit our home. New games cost \$50 or more and worse, she could reserve games at the local electronics store. She talked incessantly about the next game that was coming out. She posted and exchanged information daily on her fan fiction site. She was always waiting for the phone call telling her that her new game was in and waiting for her. Then she would grab my checkbook, rush out, and pick it up, only to beat the game in several hours. It was as if she was a junky looking for a fix. Then, the cycle would repeat itself. At this point, I thought I had to put a stop to all this malarkey.

That was until I had some English homework in which I needed to bring in a couple of paragraphs for proof-reading. I chose one of my daughter's fiction stories. During my English class, I was lucky enough to have my daughter's writing chosen for the proof reading exercise. What I found out will amaze and astonish all parents; my daughter could write well. Her story was outstanding; she used correct punctuation and spelling and her story had good content and a great story line.

I am not sure what to think about all scientific evidence you see about killer kids inspired by video games anymore. However, what I do know is that my daughter has inspired me to study harder. I also have a greater respect for my daughter and her abilities and desires. I also know old school is not necessarily the correct school anymore.

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Today sports fans let's talk about the Pittsburgh Penguins. Whether you like them or not they are kicking some major butt! With Sidnet Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, they are putting some major numbers on the board. "This is going to be the year of the Pittsburgh Penguins," said Debra Sobina in her Frame office. She and many others throughout campus believe Pittsburgh has the chance of a lifetime to go all the way. Tonight, our Pittsburgh Penguins are being sent away to take on the Los Angeles Kings. Los Angeles is not doing that well in their division so Pittsburgh should add one to the win column! Pittsburgh is second in their division. So we all need to remember to watch the game tonight at 10 p.m..... LET'S GO PENS!!!!



against Oakland last week, I wonder if Ben should take a couple of weeks off. He needs to be careful with everything he has been through the past few months. What do you think? Should Bill Cowher continue to start the second-year quarterback and be afraid of risking more injury? It's a tough decision for Bill Cowher to make. Ben's current performances have been anything but Superbowl quality. Add this year's injury and accidents and you have a recipe for a washed-up quarterback. If Bill Cowher continues to start him every game, he is going to have to take extra precautions or else. Ben had an MRI done on his brain and neck, and both of those came back normal this time, but what about the next injury? Bill Cowher does not seem to be worried about the incidents. Cowher said



throughout the week that Ben is going to be having more tests, just to make sure he is healthy and ready to go. However, after Oakland I wonder what tests Big Ben took as he failed his on field test. It may be time to sit Ben down and let Charlie Batch take over.

Pool (Billiard) Tournament

Saturday November 18

Double elimination, straight 8 Ball, call your shots.

Brackets will be drawn 9:30 a.m.,

Tournament starts at 10 a.m.

Lunch of Pizza and Pop will be provided

First place \$50 Wal-Mart Card

Second Place \$30 Wal-Mart Card

Sign-up Sheet at Rhoades Information Desk

For More Information, contact Steve Lentz Student Activities/Recreation Assistant-Ext 1233



Two weeks ago, Big Ben was sacked and sustained his second major concussion of the year. After his dismal performance

Dalai Lama To Receive Congressional Gold Medal

by: Betty J. Tindle

The Dalai Lama will be receiving the nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, within the next six months. The recent legislation introduced by Senators Thomas (R-Wyo.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) in early 2006 passed September 14, 2006.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the nation's highest civilian award and has its origins in the American Revolution. The first Gold Medal was given to General George Washington in 1776. Since that time, more than 100 medals have been given to such recipients as John Paul Jones, Captain James Biddle, Charles A. Lindbergh, Robert Frost and Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

The Dalai Lama is known for his messages and teachings of peace and compassion, along with his persistent, yet non-violent pilgrimage for the democratization of Tibet. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 for

his struggle in the liberation of Tibet. According to his website biography, "He also became the first Nobel Laureate to be recognized for his concern for global environmental problems." Recently, he has traveled the United States and Canada nurturing and highlighting ideals of ethics, leadership, education, understanding and love. According to his website he has traveled 62 countries, met with presidents, prime ministers and crowned rulers of major nations in his quest to promote peace, compassion, love and ethics among other ideals.

Thomas first met the Dalai Lama September 12, 1995, when he hosted a meeting with members of the Foreign Relations Committee in the U.S. Senate, followed by an informal coffee afterward. There were several ensuing meetings between the Dalai Lama and Sen. Thomas; April 23, 1997, when the Dalai Lama and the senator met at the Foreign Relations hearing room and on June

20, 2000, when they met with other members of the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs. The visit was followed by picture taking while in the vice president's office. They again met on May 23, 2001, for a discussion with other Senate members and on Sept. 9, 2003; the last visit taking place while the Dalai Lama was at the Capitol Building during a regular visit to the capitol.

According to Cameron Hardy, press secretary for Senator Thomas, "These were mainly listening sessions where members could bring themselves up-to-speed on concerns the Dalai Lama had in regard to his efforts for peace."

Also, according to Hardy, "The Foreign Affairs Committee is responsible for the foreign policy activities of the U. S. Senate.

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I was 13 years old when I saw my first ghost. It was at my maternal grandmother's funeral. It was a sunny summer morning. Here in North Carolina, the mortuary puts a tent over the gravesite to protect the mourners from the summer sun and sudden rain showers. I was sitting on the front row with my parents. The preacher was giving grandmother's eulogy. It was hot, and I was ready for the service to end.

I was looking up at the preacher when I noticed a young blond woman standing beside one of the tent poles. She was smiling as she listened to the eulogy. She looked familiar to me. As I was looking at her, trying to figure out who she was, a breeze moved the branches on a tree behind her. That's when I realized I was seeing "through" her. She was transparent. She appeared solid enough that I hadn't noticed until the branches moved behind her.

I quickly elbowed my mother. But as I did that, the pretty blond ghost turned her head toward me. She smiled, placed a finger to her lips, and shook her head "no" as she made a "shhhh" sound, and then she faded away.

Later at the house, I looked through some old family photos. The picture of grandmother when she was 21 years old looked

exactly like the apparition at the funeral. Yes, grandmother was enjoying her eulogy.

And so began my fascination and love for ghosts.

Down through the years, I've seen so many of them and felt the warmth of their presence that I can't help wanting to shout it from the rooftops. They're beautiful, and they won't hurt you! They reach out to you and wrap you in a blanket of comfort and serenity. Their only desire is to assist you, and love you, and tell you that the afterlife is a place of joy and spiritual progress.

Oh, sure, there are some who are downright embarrassed by their low estate, but those undeveloped souls aren't able to appear to anyone in the physical realm without help.

A ghost's appearance is slightly luminous. It's light seems to create swirling patterns

as if it were some sort of plasma. When you see a ghost, you might even think that he or she is an angel. I've made that mistake too, but angels have a different demeanor. Angels radiate a sense of power and authority. I always have a feeling that I should kneel and bow my head in reverence when I encounter an angel. But they are quick to inform that they do not want adoration. Service is their goal, their joy, and their privilege.

Unlike angels, ghosts were once like you and me. They were people living in physical bodies. But now they are free from their physical cage, and they are delighted with their freedom. They enfold friends and family who are still in the physical body. They look forward to the day their loved ones are born into their world of beauty, radiance, joy, and love.

How can you know you are in the presence of a ghost? Perhaps you may see a faint glow in the darkness. Sometimes you'll only see their beautiful eyes with lashes that flit like butterfly wings. Maybe you will smell a sweet, soft fragrance almost like baby powder. Possibly you will feel a touch as if someone dropped a silken scarf on your naked flesh. Perchance you'll hear a soothing whisper in your ear.

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The East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee is under the Foreign Affairs Committee and provides all of those same responsibilities with more regard for East Asia and the Pacific Rim.

Thomas said, "The Dalai Lama continues to advocate for peace and compassion in a chaotic world. It's an honor and privilege to recognize a man whose life work aims to do what is most

needed-bring people together."

Thomas also "values the idea of bringing people together in order to arrive at the best solution. His own legislative efforts aim to bring people together on common themes, whenever possible, in order to achieve the best result." The senator has said the Dalai Lama's ability to bring people together is what most impressed him, as well as his commitment to advocate for peace. He believes his holiness is a worthy recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal. The award recognizes his efforts to find a peaceful solution in Tibet through dialogue with the Chinese leadership.

As mentioned earlier in the article, the Dalai Lama has not yet received his award. Each Congressional Medal, after approval from Congress, is designed specifically for the recipient. The award will be presented to him personally. Thomas plans on attending the ceremony barring any conflicts.

Thomas is Wyoming's senior voice in the U.S. Senate. In 1989 he replaced Dick Cheney in the House of Representatives when Cheney was appointed Secretary of Defense. Senator Thomas was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1994 and then again in 2000. He has resided in Casper, Wyo. for more than 20 years.

Betty J. Tindle is a resident of Wyoming and a current journalism student. I am what is called a "non-traditional" student as I am attending college later in life.

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These are indeed messages from someone who loves you from beyond the veil.

And if you are really blessed, you may find yourself standing in the presence of your beloved one. They linger near you because your bond of love enables them to assist you with insight and intuition. If God permits, you may see their apparition. They will appear similar to the way you remember them but with the glow of health and happiness. The apparitions are translucent with rays of light shimmering like a corona around them.

The ghostly apparition is actually a transfiguration of your loved one. You will feel no fear, only love and happiness. It is my hope that you will be visited.

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Ten Thoughts to Ponder

Number 10

Life is sexually transmitted.

Number 9

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Number 8

Men have two emotions: Hungry and Horny. If you see him without an erection, make him a sandwich.

Number 7

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.

Number 6

Some people are like a Slinky...not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you shove them down the stairs.

Number 5

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Number 4

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Number 3

Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?

Number 2

In the 60s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

AND THE NUMBER 1 THOUGHT TO PONDER:

We know exactly where one cow with Mad-cow-disease is located among the millions and millions of cows in America, but we haven't got a clue as to where thousands of illegal immigrants and terrorists are located. Maybe we should put the Department of Agriculture in charge of immigration.



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Tribute to Veterans

More Than A Name on The Wall



I saw her from a distance as she walked up to the wall.
In her hand she held some flowers as her tears began to fall.
She took out pen and paper, as to trace her memories.
And she looked up to heaven, and the words she said were these:

She said, "Lord, my boy was special, and he meant so much to me.
And, oh, I'd love to see him, just one more time you see.
All I have are the memories and the moments to recall.
So Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall?"

She said, "He really missed the family and being home on Christmas Day.
And he died for God and country in a place so far away.
I remember just a little boy, playin' war since he was three
But Lord, this time I know he's not comin' home to me."

She said, "Lord, my boy was special, and he meant so much to me.
And, oh, I'd love to see him, but I know it just can't be.
So I thank you for my memories and the moments to recall.
So Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall."

"Lord, could you tell him, he's more than a name on a wall."

What is a Vet?

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day and making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel. He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang. He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back AT ALL. He is the Quantico drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account red-necks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is the parade - riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand. He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep. He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being - a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

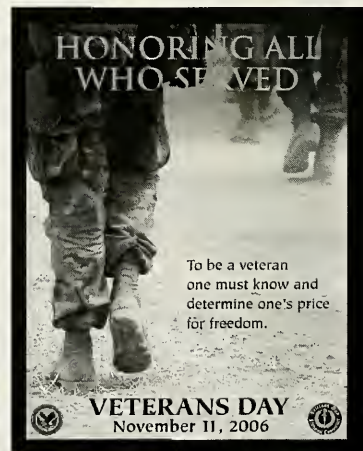
He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say Thank You. That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot,
"THANK YOU."

*"It is the soldier, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate."*

*It is the soldier,
Who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag."*



SPECIAL OOOPS-DOUBLE ISSUE



For all you avid readers of the *Venango Voice* you may have noticed that last week your school newspaper did not appear in its normal locations; I apologize. Also, before you e-mail and berate me for my inability to decode a Julian calendar, let me explain.

The issue you should have received last week would have been my Veterans Day Tribute; however, I took a little trip to the hospital before I could get it submitted to the printers. It seems that my doctors did not like my blood chemistry. We often complain the government does not move fast enough. If you want to see a government agency work quickly, drive to a VA Hospital with a blood sugar level that rivals the score of your favorite X-box game. I am not sure if I was more offended at the doctors labeling me a medical oddity for my supreme driving skills, a comment I still do not understand, as I only drooled a little, or the Maine Maple Syrup Coalition attempting to stick a tap in my back. The staff members of the Butler VA Hospital were extremely nice; they arranged a nice ride in an ambulance for me to Pittsburgh and did everything they could to make me comfortable. While I do not remember much of that ride, I do recall I had all kinds of wires hooked up to various parts of my body. I think they were even measuring the exit velocity of my intestinal explosions.

I know I have wondered away from my apology for missing last week's issue, however my stay in the hospital has created some questions I need to ask. As this university trains some of the best nurses in the country, I figured it would be a good place to ask them.

First-are all medical doctors idiots, or do they take a class in fake hearing? Once I was able to answer some questions, they proceeded to ignore my answers. I take a few other medications other than the insulin I sometimes forget to take. The doctors know it, put my name in the computer and it spits all kinds of interesting information, the medications I take for one. The question is why did I have to tell every doctor on every shift the same thing, only to have them change their mind somewhere between my room and the nurse station. It is very frustrating to have the nurse show up with that little plastic pill cup only to have it missing what doctor A said I should have but doctor B removed and doctor C replaced with medications for an ailment for the guy in room 207 (I was in 307).

OK, I understand we are a nursing school, not a school for future idiots. However, could someone please answer these questions? Why do nurses come into the room at 3 a.m., wake me, and ask if I want something to help me sleep? Why does a nurse come in at 6 a.m. (about 15 minutes after I fell back a sleep) to draw blood, only to return at 6:30, just as I dozed off, to take my blood pressure and temperature? Can't you just do it at the same time? In addition, do they teach you how to turn the lights on in a dark room or is that something nurses have to learn on their own? I find few things more pleasurable than being ripped from my dreams by an explosion of florescent lights and a cheerful good morning from a nurse with a needle.

I have a few other points of which I would like all of the future nurses to take notice, while it may sound like I am complaining, I

am not. I say these things only as a teaching tool for you. It will make your patients more comfortable and you will hear much less profanity.

- Learn to glide or slide the needle into a vein. When you jab or stab, it hurts like hell. My arm is not an orange; it has nerve endings. Those nerves are connected directly to my vocal cords.
- When you come in at 3 a.m. to wake me and give me a sleeping pill, please close the door on your way out. In case you did not know, the architects of the hospital designed it so the ultra bright sunlight bulbs used in the hallway shine directly on to the patients face when the door is open. The sleeping pill you just gave me will not overcome the searing pain in my eyes.
- If you really do want a urine sample, let me know early. Please do not take it wrong, but filling a cup with you standing over me is not going to happen. Informing me it needs to be in the lab STAT is of no concern of mine, especially after giving me that sleeping pill. It was a disaster waiting to happen.
- You bring your lunch for a reason, do not lie and tell me how good hospital food is; it degrades your credibility. A bland diet is just that. Do not get mad when you catch me eating the toilet paper tube, I need flavor with my meals.

If nurses would keep these few things in mind, your patients would love you more than they already do. We all know doctors are truly idiots. Everyone knows it is the nursing staff that keeps a hospital running smoothly. My thanks go out to all of you, for all the things you do, you have a tough job to do, even more so at 6 a.m.

Oh by the way next week is Thanksgiving break so there will be no issue of the *Venango Voice*. Thanks for reading.



Body Image

by Hope Lineman

The media is a very powerful tool. It is able to send blatant, visual and subliminal messages to millions of people every second of every day. Typically, I am not one to read fashion magazines or worry about what is in or out. I just like to feel comfortable in whatever I am wearing. However, I happened to be in an office where I was waiting for an appointment, so I decided to browse through a recent issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. Well, picking it up was probably my first mistake but actually reading it was the ultimate downfall of my week.

The magazine was featuring tips on what to wear and what not to wear for fall fashion. As I began reading, the first recommendation for a must have for fall is a pair of "skinny jeans." Now if you are like me you are thinking, yes, I have these! These are your favorite pair of jeans that when you loose 5-10 pounds, you can wear! Wrong, they are actually jeans that are extremely tapered from the thigh to the ankle so you can tuck them in knee-high boots without causing a bulging effect in your boots. I found myself trying to figure out why they selected the name "skinny jeans" instead of "tapered leg" jeans?

Not only should you have the skinny jeans but they should be low-rider jeans. With the low-rider jeans though, you should be careful that you do not have "muffin top." Okay, go ahead and laugh. "Muffin top" is when the roll of skin/fat hangs over the top of the jeans just like the top of a muffin. Okay...go ahead and laugh even harder...I did. First, they want you to wear "skinny jeans" that do not cover the belly button and have no roll over the top. The average

American will not be able to accomplish it! Oh, and might I add that you should be cautious in purchasing the low-rider jeans because when you bend over it is not fashionable to show "crack."

As if the jeans are not enough, let's move on to shirts. The in-thing is the low scoop necklines and short-sleeves. The suggestion is that you not show your "wings" however, which is the flabby arms that jiggle when you hold your arms straight out. So my summation of the article is only 90 pound, physically fit people should wear jeans and a short-sleeve shirts. Even though I put the magazine down and found it humorous the message was imbedded in my mind.

I typically wear what I feel comfortable in and don't worry about all of the messages I receive daily from commercials or advertising. As a communications major, I know what sells and why and fully understand the entire media message concept. As a reality check, I know I will never be the 90 pound image portrayed in the images we see...I love junk food way to much! Secondly, I do not think I would feel well if I weighed 90 pounds. Even though I openly say I do not buy into media messages. I found myself thinking of the Cosmo article as I was shopping the other day for jeans. I must have tried on a dozen or so before going home empty handed. I found myself looking for the muffin top, the low-



rider crack exposure, and of course I wanted to purchase a pair of "skinny jeans" just in case I decided to tuck them into boots. The combination of the three was just not happening for me!

As one who understands and looks for these messages and has a fairly good self esteem, these messages lingered in my subconscious. I started wondering how messages affect young girls with little or no self esteem? It is so important for young people to feel secure in themselves and who they are and the media is constantly sending them messages that they are not quite up to par. How do you combat a multi-billion dollar industry? Unfortunately I believe it creates a very large job for parents. It will be up to parents to constantly praise, compliment, and reinforce positive messages to combat the media messages young people receive. It will take strong bonds between parent and child. If you do not have children and you are combating this issue yourself, create a mantra that only you can appreciate and use. What is a mantra?

It is something you say to yourself every day. Look in the mirror and say "I love me!"



CINDY BUSCH ASKS

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind? _____
2. When the Beatles first came to the United States in early 1964, we all watched them on The



- _____ Show.
3. "Get your kicks, _____."
 4. "The story you are about to see if true. The names have been changed _____."
 5. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____."
 6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the "_____."
 7. "N _ E _ S _ T _ L _ E _ S", Nestle's makes the very best _____."
 8. Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
 9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____
 10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____ and Red

Singer/Songwriter to Appear on Both Campuses of Clarion University



Tucson-based singer/songwriter Namoli Brennet will perform at Clarion University—Venango Campus in Oil City and the Clarion University campus in Clarion as part of her East Coast tour. Shows are scheduled at the Venango Campus on Wednesday, November 15, in the Robert W. Rhoades Center at 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday, November 16, at the Clarion Campus in Hart Chapel at 8 p.m. Both concerts are free and open to the public and will be followed by receptions with Brennet.

Brennet, an openly transgendered folk artist, has honed her craft through hundreds of performances and thousands of miles on the road. A hardworking and prolific performer, she has independently produced and re-

leased five CDs since 2002 on her own label, "Girl's Gotta Eat Records."

Brennet has toured the country many times over, making stops at the San Diego Indie Music Fest, DC Pride, The Bitter End in New York, Boston's Club Passim, and hundreds of coffee shops, clubs, festivals, colleges, and house concerts. Along the way she has had the privilege of sharing the stage with Melissa Ferrick, Jill Sobule, Michelle Shocked, and spoken-word artist Alix Olson. She is a three-time Out-music award nominee who has been featured in *Performing Songwriter Magazine*, *The Advocate* and the *Chicago Free Press*. Her music has received airplay in Houston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, New York, San Francisco,

Portland, New Haven, and Chicago, as well as in Australia and France.

Though she could be easily associated with a variety of complimentary adjectives, Brennet defies a quick description or ready comparison. Brennet is widely recognized as an artist with an uncanny ability to adeptly communicate the complexities of the human experience. While much of her work is born of her personal journey, the recurrent themes of love, home, belonging, and self-discovery are universally recognizable. Anyone who has experienced the dizzying thrill of a new relationship, the wrenching heartbreak of an unwanted goodbye, or the desire to be accepted will connect with Brennet and her music. Yet, she does more than just write and perform love songs, and this is what differentiates Brennet from so many of her contemporaries.

Brennet has something to say about modern social structures that place restrictive parameters around human expression and experience. Songs like "We Belong," "Thorn in Your Side" and "Mystery of our History" remind the listener social alienation and oppression are intolerable realities that must be overcome by all, not just the marginalized. Brennet, matching her deft instrumentation with powerfully illustrative lyrics, creates memorable and thought-provoking performances.

For more information, contact the office of student affairs at Clarion University—Venango Campus at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269.

always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night. and "_____".

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their_____.

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by?
_____ & _____.

13. In 1971, singer Don McLean sang a song about, "The day the music died." The song was a tribute to _____.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.

15. One of the big fads of the late '50s and '60s was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.



Interdenominational Christian Fellowship

The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship student group is meeting Thursday mornings at 9 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. If you can't make it and (especially) were active last year, please contact the ICF Advisor, Joan Huber at 814-676-6591, Ext. 1335, or contact her by e-mail jhuber@clarion.edu, to talk of your schedule availability so that a good meeting time can be established for all those that are interested in being part of this wonderful group!

ICF is a student organization like no other on campus! It does not require any fundraising activities, it does not plan any events. Members simply share in a time of weekly discussion. ICF is not based on any particular religion, nor is it looking to convert individuals into any particular belief system. It is simply a great way for individuals to connect and share their experiences or knowledge in their belief of a higher being. ICF welcomes all employees and students of Venango Campus, whether you want to find out what Christianity's all about, you want to give it another chance, or you're just searching for faith. ICF does NOT try to convert you or "argue about religion."



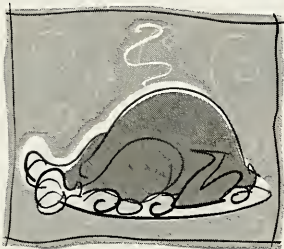
The group simply just wants to share in a weekly time of Christian fellowship.



Angel Food Ministry A Food Ministry with a Servant's Heart!

If you eat you qualify!

Angel Food Ministry is offered locally by Calvary United Methodist Church. It is a service that enables the people of the com-



munity to be able to feed their families at an affordable cost. The purchasing program is offered one time each month. Each month you will be notified of the menu available for purchase via an e-mail. There is no commitment to buy every month. You may choose to buy when the items fit your family's needs. You simply complete an order form, receive your receipt voucher and pick up your menu items on a designated date each month. If you are interested in the service please watch for e-mails or menus lying around campus that designate the current menu selection and dates of availability. You will not be bombarded by reminder notices so make sure you read your e-mail on a regular basis.

The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship group at Clarion University-Venango Campus is assisting Calvary United Methodist Church in offering to serve as a liaison for this wonderful program. Angel Food Ministry is a community service project for this student group and is not a fundraiser. It is just our way of helping the community in which we live!

Thanks! From Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa of Clarion University-Venango Campus has had a very busy few months. We have a few people we would especially like to thank for their help in making our events so tremendous.

We kicked off our first seminar series in the month of October, and would like to especially thank *Emily Aubele*, director of Student Affairs, for her support and coordination of all the seminars. We would also like to thank all of our phenomenal presenters: *Dr. Carrie Forden*, professor of Psychology, *David Guth*, U.S.M.C. Reserve Officer, *Ron Black*, former executive vice president of the Oil City Area Chamber of Commerce and former state representative, and *Joseph Lander*, Oil City Area senior high school history teacher.

On October 24, we had a very successful Blood Drive, and reached our goal of 25 pints. We would like to thank all who participated in the drive and anyone who volunteered. Please give yourselves a *pat on the back* because we couldn't have done it without you!

October is usually a very busy month for PTK members because we are planning for our annual *Halloween Party*. We were able to provide ghoulish crafts, games, and treats to more than 50 children in our community. We would like to especially thank all who donated time, energy, and/or candy. The annual event is very important to PTK because it is part of its Community Outreach Program.

PTK kicked off November with our second annual *Holiday Shopping Extravaganza*, on November 2. Vendors included: Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Cottage Hill Fudge, Share'N Natures Treasures, and many, many others. Thank you to all who came to the gymnasium to shop for the day. We hope we were able to help you get a start on all of your holiday shopping!

On behalf of Phi Theta Kappa, I would like to thank all of you who support our events and fundraisers. We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays, and remind everyone of our Book and Food Drive going on now throughout the end of the semester! Remember... *Feed a Body... Feed a Mind.*

A Chicago Caper in Review

by Brenda Ciancio

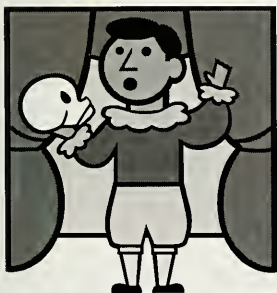
Last month, the Campus Activities Board sponsored a mystery dinner theatre production of, "A Chicago Caper." Approximately 30 people enjoyed a meal of chicken, red potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, and dessert. The unusual twist to dinner was the appearance of cast members at each table. They ate with you and stoically remained in character throughout dinner. Silky sat at the table with my husband and me. She was an older woman who sold gin during prohibition and had a side business entertaining male clientele (if you get my drift). Torchy was a slim, beautiful nightclub singer. Ernest was older man and the epitome of a gangster/gambler.

Each member of the cast dressed in 1920s regalia and was a suspect in the murder of Hal Capone, not to be mistaken for Al Capone. Cast member distributed clues to each table where the attendees reviewed the information and asked questions of the suspects. Not every table had the same set of clues, so it became imperative to listen attentively to the questions and answers. In order to conclude "Who Done It." A second round of clues was handed out followed by another barrage of questions asked. At the conclusion of the second round, dinner guests marked their prime suspect in the murder investigation.

I picked Torchy as her father had taught her to be an expert in the use of firearms, plus she had a penchant for singing songs pertaining to certain individuals who ended up swimming with the fishes once the song was ended. Surely, she must be the guilty party! Alas, I was mistaken, as were many other dinner guests. My husband, Bob, analyzed every aspect leading up to the murder and came up with our Silky as the murderess. He and one or two others had correctly solved the crime.

The prize for super sleuth was a \$10 gift certificate to the campus bookstore. It worked out nicely considering Bob had already said he wanted me to buy him a sweatshirt.

Truly, the entire evening was sheer delight. The meal was quite tasty and the cast for "A Chicago Caper" was top notch. I encourage all of you to support the CAB by attending their events. I know Bob and I are looking forward to more dinner theatres in the future.



Using MySpace to Promote Your Website

By Kathryn Lively

"Social networking" is the new buzzword in search engine optimization. Oftentimes, it doesn't even apply to standard Websites, but rather to the large social portals that have fast become the popular sites to visit and join. MySpace is a prime example of such a social network. Perhaps you have listened to a radio show featuring a local band, inviting you to visit them on MySpace for their concert schedule. Television shows and movies, too, have launched official MySpace pages for their fans to leave messages. Not just for teenagers, MySpace gets noticed and helps people get noticed.

Here people can enlist and create Weblogs and photo galleries, make unique designs to the MySpace template for a more personal look to their individual pages, and above all connect with other people. For the creative, the musicians, authors, and web designers, MySpace can serve as an effective promotional tool.

Using MySpace in conjunction with your existing Website can serve to aid in your promotional efforts, whether you are selling your latest book or music CD, advertising Web design services, or offering consulting on a variety of topics. There are quite a few advantages to using MySpace:

It's free! Despite what those oft-forwarded e-mails tell you, it costs nothing to join MySpace and set up a page. All you need is a bit of spare time and a valid e-mail address. Once you have signed up, you can start networking almost immediately!

It reinforces branding! MySpace allows you create a personalized URL. Say you have a book called "See Florida on a Dime." You can create a special MySpace for the book devoted to Florida and places in the book. You can also reserve the URL, www.myspace.com/floridaonadime (this is not a real profile at this writing), to let people know it is a page devoted to your book. That way, too, nobody else can claim the name, and you have reinforced your brand.

It broadens your reach! You will find, as you explore MySpace, that there are users who spend a large amount of their online time there, jumping from page to page to "meet" new people. It can be said that many people who frequent MySpace may not happen upon your regular Website, yet the added insurance of having a MySpace allows those visitors to know that you are out there. Place visible links to your Website and to any third-party retailer selling your items in your profile, and let visitors know you have something that might appeal to them.

Once you have figured out your MySpace identity, now comes the tasks of building content and networking to bring people to view your content. You might find creating your own social niche is as enjoyable as creating a traditional Website, though with sites like MySpace, there are a few rules to observe with regards to design.

A Unique Space

Look around the website, and you will see many users have taken the time to "pimp" their own spaces. Elegant background images, fancy fonts, and large images lend an attractiveness to what was otherwise a standard template. In using MySpace to promote yourself, you want to be sure the design you choose is as professional as it is whimsical, and it doesn't detract from your book, CD, or services. If you do not wish to use a picture of yourself for the default profile, choose your book or CD cover, or your business logo if you have one. If you don't have one, now may be a good time to create one, if only to further emphasize your brand.

MySpace relies upon CSS (cascading style sheet) code to change the color scheme and layout of your template. A quick Google search on "MySpace design tutorials" will yield a wealth of information for the CSS novice. Choose soft colors that don't distract from your content, lighter backgrounds instead of dark so most users will be able to read clearly. Fill out as much of the Interests and Information sections as you are comfortable doing. As people search through MySpace for like-minded users, the more information you provide increases your chances of being found. Let's go back to the Florida book: for attracting people who like to travel and like Florida, emphasize that on your profile page if that is your target audience.

And use the blog! Weblogs are just as important, if not more important, in SEO as traditional websites. Even if you have a regular Weblog for your site, using the MySpace blog to supplement your information can increase your visibility and reach a new audience. Offer snippets of your work, short observations related to your content or interests, and valuable links to your products.

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"Pimping" Your Space

Now comes the challenging part: how do you attract visitors to your MySpace without making it look like you are "spamming" the site? It is natural, of course, to want to let everybody know about your book, but some marketing tactics can be misconstrued as invasive, and therefore, not work in your favor. The key to attracting a readership (and network) in MySpace is good research of the audience. A country music band promoting a CD on MySpace wouldn't actively seek out people who list only heavy metal in their profile, so it makes sense to study profiles carefully before inviting people to join your network.

As you research MySpace, you might find that like often links with like. Authors have other authors among their friends, and the same with bands and other groups. It is not uncommon, and shouldn't necessarily be viewed as counterproductive, particularly if some of the authors write in your genre. Those authors may have among their networks readers who may be interested in your work, too. By adding these people to your network, you can make use of the bulletin feature in MySpace to alert all users when you have a new blog entry, an upcoming public appearance, or other news to share.

Commenting on Other Spaces

One might consider it a competition to see which MySpace user can offer the most amusing, most interesting comment image. In browsing other MySpace profiles, you will find some people like to insert graphics, be they Photoshopped images or sparkling icons, along with their greetings. As a profile owner, you have the option of turning off HTML in your comments or approving all incoming comments. As a user, however, you would hope many of the profiles you frequent will allow you the opportunity to showcase your goods.

A tasteful calling card photo of your book or CD cover, logo or other identifying image, is a useful promotional tool in MySpace. Leaving such a comment as you browse the portal increases visibility of your brand and product, and may entice new visitors to your site. A word to the wise when commenting in other spaces: try not to make your greeting sound too much like an ad, and do visit friends regularly. The last thing you want is to gain a reputation for committing "drive-by promo," where you visit a friend once with your ad and never show again. Regular visits to some spaces, if only to say hello, keeps you visible without being too invasive.

MySpace is free, popular and flexible for the user on a promotional budget. With MySpace you can make new friends, find old ones, and create new opportunities for promoting your works. You also have the chance to make a new friend at The Write SEO, at <http://www.myspace.com/thewriteseo>, so don't forget to visit!

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As the holiday season is coming fast upon us, I wanted to share a little something with you. Perhaps as a large group of individuals we can affect our families and community as a whole, in a very positive way. It will not require you to go out of your way or your everyday routines... I promise!

In our lives, we all go through hard times and unfortunately, with the added holiday stress, with the added expense and extra activities, people begin to feel down, agitated, and sometimes a little on the grumpy side. People, when they are feeling down and are struggling, are often times praying for a lifeline. You can be that lifeline. It is called a random act of kindness.

For some individuals they may look at a glass of water and insist it is half empty, but a good reality check is that it may be half full to those individuals who do not have any. Think about that for a minute. I hear individuals, and I sometimes do it myself, wishing for more, more, more! You have to step



back and wonder what individuals are going through around you. There is always someone with health issues, financial issues, and personal challenges that are worse than your own. Perhaps they have lost a loved one, a job, or even their home. Especially at this time of year, with the added pressures, we have to hold on to hope and have faith in goodness and kindness. I believe the secret to living a true and happy life, no matter who you are, is to learn the true meaning of giving. If you offer the very best part of yourself, even when you do not have anything else to give, it'll come back to you... if nothing else, just feeling good will come back to you. People need to give even in the smallest of ways and

expect nothing in return. When you are able to give with expecting nothing in return... that is when you will truly feel honest-to-goodness happiness... and I promise the rewards will be 10-fold.

Try to offer random acts of kindness. What are these, you ask? They can be any act or gesture done with kindness. Typically they are anonymous, as you do not want to be thanked or rewarded in any way. You are giving of yourself without expecting anything in return. Examples would be to put an extra quarter in the parking meter when you leave a parking space, buy a Salvation Army volunteer who is standing in the cold a cup of hot chocolate, offer to return a shopping cart to the cart area in the parking lot for someone, especially for someone who is juggling children or an older individual. Offer a kind ear for someone who is feeling down... do not talk... just listen, or perhaps pay a dollar or two of the person's bill behind you in a restaurant drive-thru. You could take the neighbor's newspaper to their door, shovel a sidewalk or porch for a neighbor or just leave an unsigned note on a windshield wiper stating "This is a random act of kindness... someone cares for you... pass it on!" These little gestures will touch people at the very heart and will make someone's day!

I had the fortunate experience of talking with someone recently who received a random act of kindness. This individual had a daughter who was having pregnancy complications. She was trying to juggle many responsibilities and feeling as if the world was crashing down around her. In one of her many trips to the hospital, she realized she had not eaten and stopped at a drive-thru. She was deep in thought and just wanting to get

through the line and get to her daughter's side. When she pulled up to the window to pay, the lady handed her bag of food out and said the lady in front of her had paid for her meal, that it was a random act of kindness and the only thing she needed to do was to someday... pass it on! At this point, her entire thought process changed. She said she realized there are people out there, who do not even know her, who care... and now she "passes it on" on a regular basis. She shared with me how this random act of kindness changed her way of thinking, especially on that day when she first received this wonderful gift. She tries to regularly pass on these random acts of kindness now and states how good she feels, no matter what is going on in her life,



because of these kind gestures she is able to offer.

These random acts of kindness do not even

need to be with just complete strangers, do things for your family as well. Put a note in a lunch bag that simply says "have an awesome day." Put something away for someone else in the family and help without being asked... it costs nothing. Even these small types of efforts are random acts of kindness. If you want a long and lasting relationship with a significant other or spouse... random acts of kindness will be at the root of the relationship. Trust me! I have been married for 18 years and our relationship is full of random acts of kindness. When you are kind and giving of yourself and truly not seeking anything in return, you will find true happiness which is completely an internal feeling like no other!

District judge rules for Native religious rights in eagle case

By Ben Neary – Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) – Saying the federal government pays no more than lip service to respecting the religious beliefs of American Indians, a federal judge in Wyoming has dismissed criminal charges against a Northern Arapaho man who shot a bald eagle last year for use in his tribe's Sun Dance.

Lawyers for Indian groups say the order by U.S. District Judge William Downes should prompt the federal government to streamline its program of parceling out dead eagles and eagle feathers to Indians.

They say it also should prompt federal officials to begin a serious dialogue with tribes about allowing tribal members to kill some eagles for religious purposes.

Federal officials, however, filed notice in November that they intend to appeal the judge's order.

Downes on Oct. 13 dismissed the charge against Winslow Friday, 22, of Ethete, Wyo., on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The reservation is home to both the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes. He had been charged with killing a bald eagle with a rifle in March 2005.

Downes dismissed the charge after lawyers for Friday and his tribe argued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service generally refuses to grant permits allowing tribal members to kill eagles, even though federal regulations say such permits should be available.

Chris Schneider, the tribe's attorney, also said more than 5,000 Indians are on a waiting list to get an eagle from a federal repository of eagle carcasses, and that the waiting period is about 3½ years.

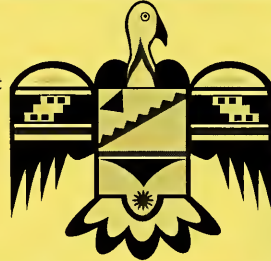
"Although the government professes respect and accommodation of the religious practices of Native Americans, its actions show callous indifference to such practices," Downes wrote. "It is clear to this court that the government has no intention of accommodating the religious beliefs of Native Americans except on its own terms and in its own good time."

Friday, who could have been sentenced to up to a year in jail and a \$100,000 fine if convicted, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that he had no regrets about killing the bird.

"I'm going to say no, because of what I did with the bird," he said. "I participated in our Sun Dance. No, because that made me feel good in my heart."

Friday said he considered accepting a plea bargain for a \$5,000 fine and two years probation, but rejected the offer on the advice of his tribe's spiritual leaders.

He said he's heard complaints from other Indians about the slow process of legally



obtaining dead eagles from the federal repository in Colorado, which holds the remains of eagles often killed by cars or power lines. He said a friend received a bird from the repository that was in such poor condition it couldn't be used in ceremonies.

"The way it was told to me, the eagle takes the prayers that we have here, takes them up to the Creator," Friday said. "That's one main reason we believe in it so much, it does that. It's an offering—you want it to be nice."

Schneider said that while charges were pending against Friday, he called the federal agency's offices in Wyoming and Colorado to ask how Indians could get permits to kill eagles, but was told such permits didn't exist.

Dominic Domenici, Fish and Wildlife Service resident agent in charge for Wyoming and Montana, said in an October telephone interview that he knows few eagle kill permits have been issued in the Southwest, and he knows of none in Wyoming - but he also said he doesn't know of any Wyoming Indians applying.

U.S. Attorney Matt Mead filed notice Nov. 8 that he will ask a federal appeals court in Denver to review Downes' ruling. Attempts to reach Mead at press time were unsuccessful.

Laser Surgery for Snoring by Milos Pesic

Approximately 45 percent of the adult population in the world snores at least occasionally, while 25 percent are chronic snorers. Women and little children also snore at some point, although this condition is most frequent in men and obese people, and becomes worse with age. The vibratory sound we call snoring is produced when the free flow of air passing the air passage is obstructed and vibrates against the soft tissues on the nose and the throat area. Previously regarded as a mere nuisance, snoring has been recently associated with Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) and Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome (UARS), as well as illnesses like hypertension, high



blood pressure, and cardiovascular diseases.

With the recent findings, snorers have become

conscious of their condition and desperate in looking for cures to their snoring problems. In 1990, patients who became frustrated with the home remedies, orthodontic appliances, and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) to cure snoring agreed to undergo the Laser-Assisted Uvula Palatoplasty (LAUP).

LAUP uses laser surgery for snoring and

mild OSA by vaporizing the uvula and a part of the soft palate in a series of non-invasive procedures. Patients undergoing laser surgery for snoring are treated with a local anesthesia in an outpatient operation. Once the anesthesia takes effect, the doctor administers a CO2 laser to make two vertical incisions in the soft palate on each side of the uvula, shortening it to eliminate that which causes the obstruction. It takes five clinic visits spaced four to eight weeks apart for the laser surgery for snoring to complete.

How long is the recovery period?

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Throughout history, humans have been afraid of what they do not understand. Rather than researching, asking questions, and trying to understand another person's viewpoint, many times we harshly judge a matter and exclude those who believe differently than we do.

Halloween has just passed and I'm reminded of people who do not celebrate the occasion because they feel it is a Pagan holiday or that it is "of the devil." If people only knew how many Pagan traditions are hidden throughout the Bible perhaps they wouldn't be so judgmental or afraid of Paganism. I'd like to address some of the fears and give a factual overview of Paganism.

What about witches? The wise woman or wise man of the old European village was a respected healer, midwife, or herbalist called a shaman. Today, we have doctors and pharmacists who serve in these capacities. They are invokers of energy and distributors of power. They may conduct healing or worship rituals using stones, oil, candles, fire, herbs, water, incense, statues, tarot cards or other tangible objects to invoke divine energies in an attempt to co-create a situation that better their life, or the life of a loved one. The intent is never to harm another person. The idea that witches are evil came from the Christian myths created by political figures who violently opposed the traditions of old Rome.

Sound familiar? The Jews used stone altars, burned animals as sacrifice and used incense in the temple rituals. The priests'



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robes contained divination tools (Urim and Thummin) used to predict and discern the will of God for the nation. Monotheistic religions today anoint people with oil, and use water in purification rituals such as baptism. If you have ever worn a cross pendant, or placed a picture of Jesus or Mary on your wall you understand the symbolism, comfort, and power that icons and tangible objects bring to spiritual practices.

What about witchcraft and casting evil spells? There are those in both Monotheistic and Polytheistic circles who harm others with their behavior, but to say that all Polytheistic people are evil is like

saying all priests are child molesters. The intent of a Wiccan witch is much the same as that of a Christian prayer warrior: to improve conditions on the planet or in the lives of others. They are both intercessors for the good of humanity. Modern witches have a strict belief in the Law of Return and Karma or sowing and reaping—what one sends out into the world will return multiplied. Therefore, only positive and loving energy is used in spells.

What about devil worship and animal sacrifice? It is really strange that people think of Polytheistic people as devil worshipers since they do not believe in Satan or the devil. They commonly love and honor animals to the point that many are vegetarians because they do not wish

to kill an animal for food. Therefore, it is certain that they do not harm or sacrifice animals in religious rituals. On the other hand, the United States is the world's leader in animal sacrifice, as we daily slaughter animals through the poultry and cattle industries in the name of money and self-indulgence.

What about worshipping other gods? Identifying an attribute and calling it a deity doesn't make it greater than the source from which it came. It remains a corresponding and substantial part of its Creator. Monotheistic people have personified the names, attributes and characteristics of God,

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Laser Surgery Continued:

Most patients are able to get back to their daily routines on the same day, although the patients are warned of a sensation similar to that of a severe sore throat that lasts up to 10 days after the surgery. It can be relieved by analgesics and anti-inflammatory medicines.

Patients who received LAUP treatment reported 90 percent improvement in lessening the incidence of snoring and sleep apnea episodes. However, the problem arises in the scarring of the soft tissues of the palate that resulted in more obstruction and worsened OSA after a year or two. Statistics noted only a third of those treated with the laser surgery for snoring were

deemed a success.

Should you get LAUP treatment?

If you've tried all possible remedies for snoring and have been unsuccessful, and if your snoring is disruptive to others around you, including you, then you could be a candidate. Prior to undergoing laser surgery for snoring, your otolaryngologist will examine you to evaluate what's causing you to snore.

Laser surgery for snoring is not widely practiced yet but doctors are considering this



treatment if everything else, including the continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), fails. Like any other surgical treatments for surgery, you just have to be ready for its consequences vis-à-vis your snoring.

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i.e.: Jehovah-Jireh means God the Provider, Jehovah-Shalom means the God of Peace, Jehovah-Rapha means God the Healer. Monotheism recognizes Arch-Angels such as Michael, the protector, or Raphael, the healer, as angelic helpers of God.

The deities of polytheism are helpers of Mother Goddess. The worship of these deities is usually nothing more than asking for assistance with a problem or releasing worries by placing the situation in the hands of a higher power. Monotheistic people will sometimes make an offering by pouring wine on the ground, or leaving food on the altar or a coin upon the earth as a thank you gift. Monotheistic people give a tithe to the church or make charitable donations as a way of expressing gratitude.

How accepting are you of other religions? Are you willing to be led in a prayer which invokes the love of Mother Goddess as well as in a prayer with the traditional ending "in Jesus' name?" If you ask your neighbor to attend your church, would you attend a Pagan drum circle with her in return?

Man looks on the outward appearance, but God/Goddess looks at the intention of our heart. Most of our fears and judgments are a result of ignorance or a lack of understanding possibly due to the vocabulary terms we use to define our beliefs. In the end, we are all seeking to feel closely connected with our Creator no matter what name we give him or her.



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The Many Faces of Google by Steve Bis

Google has quickly become the world's top search engine. This colossal giant boasts having the highest number of pages in their index and also the most advanced search algorithm, which brings back the most relevant information pertaining to your search term. Other than just using their plain old web search, Google has a number of various multimedia search capabilities that are very useful. In this article I will just give you a brief overview of them.

Google Images: Google Images is pretty straightforward, all you have to do is go to Google.com and click on the link above the search box that says images. Once in Google Images, all you have to do is type in your search term and Google will return you only images pertaining to your search term. So if you did a image search on alligators, you would get a plethora of alligator pictures.

Google Video: Google Video can be reached from Google's homepage by clicking on the video link above the search box. Just like the images search, all you have to do is type in your search term and you will get only results with videos. With Google's recent purchase of YouTube.com, all of the millions of videos that YouTube owned will now be included in Google Video, making it that much more alluring.

Google News: Google News is one of my personal favorites. It too can be located on the homepage above the search bar. When you type your search term into this search box, the only returned results are those that have been cited in news sources. Another very cool feature in the news search is you can sort the results by relevance or by date. Searching by date gives you the most recent news sources cited about whatever search term you are searching for.

Google Maps: Google Maps can be reached through the homepage above the search bar and is also one of my favorites, and you will see why once you use it yourself.

When here you type in your search term and the zip code. The results returned are places within that zip code that have your search term. For example, I live in South Florida and scuba dive quite often, by typing in scuba diving and my zip code it brings me back not only a list of the local dive shops, but a map pinpointing exactly to where the location is. It is extremely handy as you will see once you use it.

Now those four are all located on Google's homepage, however there are many more unique search functions within Google. To reach these when you are on Google's homepage there is a link that says more and once you click on that another link says even more. That link will bring you to a page that lists all of Google's different search functions.

Some of these include Google Scholar, which searches through scholarly papers. Froogle, which helps you search to buy things from local stores. Google Earth, which shows you detailed maps of the Earth via satellite. Google Finance, which searches business news, financial reports, interactive charts. There are many more search functions that all have their various uses. If you search the internet at all, I advise using some of these. You will find them very handy, my personal favorites are the news and maps search.

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Congratulations Professor Erb



Julie Erb London, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Nursing at Clarion University—Venango Campus, has earned the credential of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) through the National League for Nursing (NLN). London is one of 358 nurse educators in the country and 35 in Pennsylvania to have earned the CNE credential.

NLN's Academic Nurse Educator Certification Program was launched in 2005 to establish nursing education as a specialty area of practice and to recognize the excellence of qualified academic nurse educators' knowledge, skills, and abilities.

"Clarion University's School of Nursing and Allied Health, located at the Venango Campus, is proud to have one of the largest enrollments of nursing programs in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and a



long history of excellence in providing health care education," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of the campus. "Professor London brings honor to the university and her profession by attaining this distinction. My university colleagues join me in congratulating her on this achievement."

London joined Clarion's nursing faculty in August 2005. She earned her registered nurse diploma from Sewickley School of

Nursing in Sewickley, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Clarion University, and her master of science in nursing, with a concentration in nursing education, from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. She is currently finishing a doctoral degree through the University of Arizona.

London previously served on the faculties of the Community College of Beaver County, Waynesburg College in Canonsburg, and the Community College of Allegheny County.

Prior to entering the field of nursing education, London was director of primary care at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital in Kittanning. She also worked at Health America, St. Margaret's Hospital, and Shadyside Hospital, all in Pittsburgh.

Psychology Club Giving Tree

By Amber McMillen

Let's make the holidays happy for a local family! The family has been identified by Community Services of Venango County as being in need of assistance for the holiday. In Rhoades Center you will find a tree adorned with homemade tags (filled with goodies), on each is one item that a family member wants or needs. How it works:

- 1-Take the tag off the tree.
- 2-Purchase the gift listed on the tag.
- 3-Tape the tag to the gift (you keep the treats!). You don't need to wrap the gift.
- 4-Bring the gift to Frame Office by Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Please help the Venango Campus Psychology Club help others! Take a tag and return the gift by the deadline. Thanks to all who participate, and Happy Holidays!



Show me a sign! By Hope Lineman



A few weeks ago I was driving into work, saying my prayers as I drove. Each and every trip begins the same way; asking for traveling mercies, asking for guidance and protection for family and friends and most importantly thanking God for the

many blessings he bestows daily on my family. The one and only thing that I consistently ask God for...is a sign. Not that I doubt his existence, not that I doubt he is walking with me daily, but something that takes my breath away, that leaves me thinking..."what an awesome God I follow!"

On this particular day, it was a dreary morning and the entire sky was covered in clouds. As I made my daily request and concluded my prayer, I happened to crest the top of a hill. There directly in front of me was a very large patch of clear, blue sky. The sun was just as bright as could be in this one area of the sky. The sky was the bluest that I have ever seen! As I looked and looked again, I could not believe what I was seeing. Just as clearly as could be, I saw but one word written clearly in that

blue patch of sky. It was a two letter word that I will never forget the sight of. It was simply "Hi." Now I know there will be those of you that are pessimistic and are going to say it was the remnants of airplanes that had previously crossed the sky, but what I believe, with all of my heart, is that it was my sign...and it literally took my breath away.

More often than not, the signs I receive are not so evident. They are merely the beauty of nature, a vibrant color of a tree or flower, an occurrence that makes me appreciate my children or husband, and often times I find myself so busy I know I miss some of the signs God sends me daily. That particular morning, I was hurrying and rushing through my prayers. That morning God sent a message I could not miss, could not ignore, and literally took my breath away.

I wish everyone could have experienced that moment. I think each of us needs a moment in our daily activities that truly stops us in our tracks and makes us just think, if just but for a moment, the complex and wonderful world in which we live. We have the ability to enjoy the wonders of



nature, family and friends, and just living each day. We take so much for granted and yet it can all be taken away in the blink of an eye. We rush through our days, checking off the to-do lists and not taking the time to smell the roses, so to speak. It is important you take the time each and every day to truly reflect on life, to appreciate life, and to rejuvenate yourself.

I use my daily prayer time to recharge my relationship with God. It is my time to get focused, to be thankful, to be grateful, and to seek direction in my daily life. I pray each of us has a moment each and every day that absolutely takes our breath away. I know that on that morning, I truly felt the power of an awesome God and I am so glad I asked for a sign, for it made my day...that day...a truly awesome one!



Sports with Evan Basham

Hello Venango! Hey, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and everyone is now starting to get back in the rhythm of things. Today I would like to talk about some more college basketball, and what better way to start with one of the potential best teams in the NCAA the Indiana Hoosiers.



Coming up Saturday December 9 at 12 p.m., the Hoosiers will be going head-to-head with the Kentucky Wildcats.

The Hoosiers are having a pretty good season so far, losing to Duke last week by 4 points! I think you'll see Indiana making a huge improvement this season.

Kentucky on the other hand has many records, but cannot seem to find the rhythm this season. As of last week, Kentucky was 4-2, which really is not bad, BUT they are in a tough division so the Wildcats are

really going to have to step it up to get up there and attempt to surpass Florida. That is one of the games that will really give them the experience they need, and get them on a hot streak. Will Kentucky find the hot streak? Or will the Hoosiers throw the Wildcats in their cage? Tune in Saturday December 9 at 12 p.m. on CBS.



The Pittsburgh Steelers have been a huge talk around sports fans in Venango County. Yes, the Steelers will not be going to the playoffs this year. They had some major problems with some of their players. Many were injured, others couldn't find the rhythm, and some just plain should not be playing. Tomorrow night the Pittsburgh Steelers will be taking on the Cleveland Browns. Last time these two teams met up, the Steelers were victorious 24-20. The Browns are going to be fired up and ready to

play, because depending on some recent games, the Browns might have the potential to get a wild card, but they must continue to win games. The heated battle will take place Thursday December 7 at 8 p.m. Good luck to both teams!

Well, that's pretty much all in sports this week Venango...Thank You! GO GOLDEN EAGLES!



New Associate Degree Offered



Venango Campus has finalized plans for an associate degree to prepare students for a

career in the field of insurance. Offered through the Department of Applied Technology, located at the Venango Campus, the insurance concentration will be offered in partnership with Preferred Systems Inc. (PSI) of Erie. Graduates of the two-year program will earn an Associate of Applied Science in Administration Technology degree from Clarion University.

"My colleagues and I are delighted to add Preferred Systems Inc. to our growing array of highly qualified educational partners," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of the Venango Campus. "Preferred Systems is a recognized leader in the insurance education field and has a proven track record of providing pre-licensing and con-

tinuing education for insurance professionals."

PSI is an accredited provider of insurance continuing education in all 50 States and the District of Columbia and insurance pre-licensing in Pennsylvania. Its clients include Michigan State University, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the Pennsylvania Governor's Council on Health and Safety, as well as numerous State Self-Insured Associations throughout the nation.

"This is a great program, because it gives motivated individuals the tools they need to move from entry-level to executive positions in the field of risk management," said Michael F. Chevalier, president of PSI. "Once graduates of the program are licensed, they can go virtually anywhere and be self-sustaining."

Students in the program will receive general education and business courses in addition to specialized education in insurance.

Vic Bowser chairs the Department of Applied Technology, which offers administration technology concentrations in banking and general office operations, in addition to the insurance concentration. The department also offers 25 concentrations of study in industrial technology.

"In addition to gaining the knowledge to be awarded their insurance license, students will be prepared by seasoned professionals who will build their confidence and point them to success," said Bowser. "This is the model we've used very successfully for over three years in our industrial technology program and will serve students well in the new insurance concentration."

Students may apply now for the spring semester, which begins in January, by calling Bowser at 814-676-6591, extension 1307.

Hope Lineman's Last Words

There is only meaning to words that you believe in!

I am going to go out on a limb here. I walk a fine line in balancing my position at the university as an employee and also being a student. I do not want to offend anyone by this article but truly would like to just point out the necessity for true tolerance and diversity in our world.

Normally, the holiday season brings out the best in people. Unfortunately, the season tends to bring out some major battles as well. These are the battles of words...just words. Some are offended by the words "Merry Christmas," they do not want the words, "God," "Jesus," "Angels," or "under God," and the like used. This time of year seems to focus on all of the "what offends me" agendas. Well, let's take out of the world everything that offends anyone...

- Some people are offended by unattractive people
- Some people are offended by smokers
- Some people are offended by foul language
- Some people are offended by the term "politically correct"
- Some people are offended by upper-class people
- Some people are offended by lower-class people
- Some people are offended by different races
- Some people are offended by other types of religion
- Some people are offended by educated people
- Some people are offended by uneducated people
- Some people are offended by bad jokes
- Some people are offended by music lyrics

Some people are offended ...and on...and on...and on!

I was always taught that although I may not like something, it does not mean I have to agree with it, but I must be open minded and realize the world is made up of many different types of people, and different opinions.

The only rule was I was to be willing to accept differences and not believe my way was the only way. It's called tolerance.

My point is why should I not say Merry Christmas if that is how I choose to greet people at the holidays? Why should I not be allowed to use and show my pride in my country, what it was founded on, and what I believe? If you do not like something I do...chances are you are doing something I don't like. Does it mean either of us has to change? No! It is what makes each of us unique, different, and special...each in our own way. If one sector of the population is going to decide what is right and what is wrong, which sector is going to win? If people are looking for one unified standard in which to live under...it will not happen. It is going to come down to being tolerant of each other's differences or dissolving all of life on earth. There will always be someone offended by someone else or something. In any disagreement, there are always two sides and, typically, one wins and one loses. Why can we not agree to disagree? If you do not want to use the term "Merry Christmas"...then don't! But I don't want to be told what I can and can't say.

I would expect people to use words in which they believe. It is what signifies the diversity in this world. Diversity means being different, so why

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are we all expected to conform to saying the same thing? I expect to hear, "Happy Holidays," "Happy Hanukah," "Merry Christmas," and numerous other greetings. It is based on your belief system and your heritage. In my ramblings, I guess my main point is this...let us be truly diverse and tolerant. There is only meaning in words when you believe what you say. So from me to you...have a blessed and wonderful Merry Christmas!



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It's heady. It's fun. It can be addictive. We're talking about ATV driving. The thrill of driving through rugged, off-the-road terrain is something most ATV lovers find irresistible. Way out, where there is hardly another human being in sight, away from the madding crowds, is where the ATV trails are. True, ATVs are also used as utility vehicles on farms where they are used more as tools in agriculture and farming than for fun. But what a lot of ATV users who are into it for sport probably don't know is how bad ATVs can be as far as nature goes. What the environmentalists say should be taken seriously.

ATV trails when used excessively can do a lot of ecological harm. How does this happen, especially when you take your sport to the back of beyond areas? It's the deep threads in the ATV tires that do the damage. While they are great for driving around on rough terrain, they dig deep channels in the unpaved trails, which could drain swampy areas and therefore cause more sedimentation of water bodies. So ATV lovers got together and formed groups to try and sort out this problem. There were special areas which they purchased and reserved only for ATV driving.

They also decided to educate ATV drivers about how to be responsible and respect the environment. One of the forerunners in this effort was Tread Lightly!, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people how to treat nature responsibly. It was born in 1985, when a program was launched by the U.S. Forest Service to address the problem of recreation visitors to the forests growing to unmanageable numbers. It became private in 1990 and Tread Lightly! came into being as a non profit organization.

For ATV drivers, Tread Lightly! has a brochure with guidelines under "Travel and recreate with minimum impact." Let's take a quick look at them. The first one, of course, is to stay within the areas open only for ATV use. There are designated trails today and you can find out where they are and have the time of your life there. Remember that when there are slick ATV trails, use the clutch so you get the maximum traction with the least amount of tailspin and moderate your throttle. Don't roost around the apex of a turn when on switchbacks. That should be kept in mind when you are brake-sliding while descending or climbing as both actions can gouge ATV trails. Streams should be crossed only where ATV trails cross the streams or at the designated fording points. Try not to drive in marshy areas or in meadows.

Keep your equipment in good shape and when winching, find a secure anchor, find the right winch for the right need, and don't winch with anything less than five wraps of wire rope wound around the drum. If you are using a tree as an anchor, avoid damaging the tree by wrapping a wide tree strap around it. Also try not to make too much of a noise and disrupting the silence of nature around you. Use regular camping sites and make sure you camp at least 200 feet away from water bodies and trails. Dispose of waste properly by burying it six to eight feet deep and use fire only when necessary.

They have some more guidelines and they are listed under the heading "Respect the environment and the rights of others." Here, you are asked to be considerate of everyone else on the trail or the road and to ride only where you are allowed to. You should respect private land and leave the gates as you found them. Respect the right of way when someone passes you or is traveling uphill and give way to hikers, horses and mountain bikers. Don't kick up a dust-literally-and keep the decibel level down. And pack out whatever you pack in.

There are still more guidelines that come under "Educate yourself by planning before you go." It tells you to get yourself a map before you venture out and determine where the ATV trails are. It is always safe to tell someone about your travel plans and to stick to the plans you make. Make it a point to get in touch with the land manager and ask about closures, area restrictions and permit requirements. Always ask for permission before you cross private land. Keep an eye on the weather and keep a few emergency items with you in case of emergencies. Try not to go solo but get together two or three to travel with. Wear protection-a helmet, eye and other safety gear. In case you do separate, arrange meeting points in advance. Keep a sharp eye on your fuel, your time and your own ability. Don't drink or do drugs and drive. Always be in control of the vehicle and make sure it is in top condition. Keep tools and supplies in case you need them

ATV Trails can be great fun if you take a few precautions. Respect the trail and the you'll find you have a blast in return.



Lou Adelson



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NEGO GATO by Fran Hyter

Sponsored by CAB, Student Senate and the Oil City Arts Council, Nego Gato an Afro-Brazilian music and dance troupe performed at the Oil City High School on January 18. The troupe is comprised of instrumentalists and dancers from as far away as Brazil and



South Africa. I was completely enthralled by this group's athleticism and grace; especially when they performed Capoeira. What is Capoeira?

CAPOEIRA

In the absence of guns and swords, the strong unadorned body can be a powerful tool for combat. Enslaved Africans in Brazil used an incredible martial art form that they

developed from a number of fighting styles and dances they brought with them from Africa. Today, this unique art form is called Capoeira. Capoeira looked like dance so the enslaved were able to practice their fighting techniques in full view of their oppressors.

They became stronger and more accurate and were soon able to defeat an opponent with one well-placed kick. When they saw a chance to escape, they took it, confident they were safe against



enemies with whips and guns. They often escaped to free villages built by their compatriots located in the hills of Brazil. The free communities were called Quilombos.

(<http://www.negogato.org/index.html>)

If you ever have to opportunity to see Nego Gato perform please take the time to do so, you will not regret it.

CAREER SERVICES COORDINATOR NAMED



OIL CITY—Mark B. Conrad has been named coordinator of Career Services at Clarion University–Venango Campus.

“My colleagues and I are delighted to add Mark Conrad to our team,” said Dr. Christopher M.

Reber, executive dean of the campus. “He brings a wealth of experience in the field of career preparation and employment placement to the position, as well as a broad knowledge of regional employer needs and employment opportunities.”

Conrad spent the last 10 years of his career in the field of job preparation, most recently at the CareerLink in Oil City as Employer Services Specialist for Partners for Performance, a non-profit workforce

investment agency serving Clarion, Crawford, Forest, Venango, and Warren counties. He was previously employed by Greater Erie Community Action Committee and Northwest Pennsylvania Training Partnership Consortium Inc.

In his new position, Conrad will direct a comprehensive career services program for current and prospective Venango Campus students and alumni, working closely with employers in the region and beyond to meet workforce development needs and provide students with an array of career options.

“My years in the workforce development arena and my close working relationships with employers have given me an appreciation for the way in which the Venango Campus is meeting the need for demand occupations,” said Conrad. “I feel privileged to have been selected for this position and look forward to helping students by bringing them together with

employers. I also am eager to work with employers and others at the campus and the university to identify current and future employer needs.”

Conrad earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Thiel College and an associate degree in supervision technology from the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville.

An active member of the Titusville community, Conrad was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Titusville Lion's Club in 1997 at the Titusville Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Luncheon. He was also named Titusville Kiwanian of the Year in 1989. He serves as vice president of Associated Charities and Genesis Family Center in Titusville and is current and past president of the Titusville Lions Club.

Conrad and his wife, Robin, reside in Titusville.

Editorial Misconduct by Doug Bussell

For those of you who did not know Professor Lou Adelson or never had a class with him, you have missed a very special person. Lou passed away at the end of the last semester; I regret having sent the last fall issue of this publication to the printer days before he passed. If you did know him, then you know that the Venango Campus will be a little different without him.

Lou was a local boy, as he would like to say. He graduated from Oil City High School in a year that he would never admit to. He held bachelor degrees from William and Jefferson College as well as Clarion University. He obtained his master's degree in information science from University of Pittsburgh. He began teaching in August 1986 and found teaching to be "the most enjoyable job I have ever had."

Lou loved his cats, fine Jazz music and travel. At the core of his heart was a train, most specifically the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad of which he was one of the founding members. While Lou loved to teach, when he was around a train he always had a smile on his face.

Lou's dedication to this campus and its students was stellar. In August 2004, he donated funds to create the Louis D. Adelson Scholarship Endowment. The endowment scholarship provides annual funding support to full-time students who plan to reside in the Clarion University Foundation, Inc.'s student apartment housing at Venango Campus. "I know the cost for housing can seem overwhelming to adult students and I wanted to do something to help," said Adelson, whose experience with



providing student housing started early – when his mother rented his bedroom to Venango Campus students after he left the house. "I think living on campus is the best way to get the feel of college and I hope this scholarship allows students to do just that." (http://www.clarion.edu/academic/venango/ven_news/ven_news_adelson_scholar.shtml)

The list of what Lou has done for the Venango Campus Student body is endless. He was also active in his synagogue and the community in large.

Lou's journey with us has ended, he has started a new journey I am positive will involve trains and travel. There is a prayer given by members of the Jewish Faith, the Travelers Prayer. The Traveler's Prayer should be recited at the beginning of a journey, according to the Talmud. In the prayer, the traveler asks for a safe trip. Here is a translation (from 12 Jewish Steps to Recovery):

"May it be your will, Lord, my God and God of my ancestors, to lead me, to direct my steps, and to support me in peace. Lead me in life, tranquil and serene, until I arrive at where I am going. Deliver me from every enemy, ambush and hurt that I might encounter on the way and from all afflictions that visit and trouble the world. Bless the work of my hands. Let me receive divine grace and those loving acts of kindness and mercy in your eyes and in the eyes of all those I encounter. Listen to the voice of my appeal, for you are a God who responds to prayerful supplication. Praised are you, Lord, who responds to prayer."

Lou Adelson-You Will Be Missed

Student Senate Weekly Blog

Welcome back to all!

We hope everyone had a WONDERFUL holiday break and your New Year is off to a GREAT beginning. Student Senate held its first meeting of the semester last Monday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m. Student Senate meetings are held every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Rhoades Student Conference Center. Meetings are open to all students of the Venango Campus. If you have any concerns you would like to voice to your senators please attend our meetings; after all, we are here to represent you and would like to hear from you.

This semester Student Senate is working on holding an art exhibit in the Robert W. Rhoades Center in which we will have local artists showcase their work. If anyone is interested or knows of any artists who would like to display their work, please contact Fran Hyter at s_fjhyter@clarion.edu or Abby Essigman at s_abessigman@clarion.edu.

The Foods and Facilities Committee will be meeting February 9, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in Rhoades Student Senate Conference Center. Students are welcome to attend the Foods and Facilities Committee meetings. Keep reading the Venango Voice for listings of meeting dates and times.

The Naming and Logo Design Contest Deadline was December 15, 2006. I would like to thank those of you who took the time out of your busy schedule to submit your work. The judging for the contest is to be held at the February 9 Foods and Facilities meeting. The winner will be announced the following week.

Pick up your weekly Venango Voice to keep up with what is going on with your Student Senate.

Have a GREAT Semester!

Fran Hyter

President, Venango Campus Student Senate

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Sports with Evan Basham

Hello Venango! How was everyone's break? Are you ready for the Spring Semester? Well you had better be, because it is here.

Before the break when we were talking about the Chicago Bears, I told you to look for them in the Super Bowl, and sure enough, they are in. Bears fans finally get to reunite after many a long seasons; not since 1986 have the Bears had a free ticket to the big show.

Who exactly is going to have the upper hand in the game, the Bears or the Colts? The Colts have an excellent team, and in my opinion are where they should have been last season. I honestly believe Rex Grossman is not as great as a quarterback as Peyton Manning and it was proven in the AFC Championship game last week.

ESPN claims the Indianapolis Colts have the game locked. The one problem with these statements is Peyton Manning is playing in his first Super Bowl and he is more help to the offense than Rex Grossman is sometimes. Peyton Manning making his Super Bowl debut has a lot of work to do. Manning has been throwing amazing balls this season; he has thrown for over 4,000 yards, while Grossman has barely hit 3,000 yards.

What about the Chicago Bears defense? There is a very good chance Peyton and the Colts will not be able to stand after this defense plows through them on Sunday. It is going to be a very interesting game, and it is available on multiple cable channels.

I believe the Bears' defense can win them the game, but only time will tell. You had better believe both teams have been working hard to get to the Orange Bowl. Regardless, of what happens, both teams are excellent and will probably do just as well in the years to come!

Next week, I will have an interview with the head coach of Clarion University Men's Basketball team, Ron Righter.

Do not forget to tune in to CBS at 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 4, to see the Bears take on the Colts! Good luck to both teams, and good luck to our Golden Eagles in the following weeks!



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Rhoades Center Spring Semester Exercise

Take these opportunities to allow our programs to help alleviate stress and help you to acquire and maintain a healthy weight. Remember, everyone needs ½ hour of exercise daily!

Basic Pilates

Mon./Wed., 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Gym, Begins Feb. 5/ends March 7

Learn the basic moves of Pilates and gain better posture, burn calories and sculpt leaner muscle.

Get on the Ball

Mon./Wed., 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Fitness Center, Begins Feb. 5/ends March 7

Learn techniques for getting a good workout with the stability ball as a tool. The ball can be used alone or in conjunction with other equipment for a total body workout to enhance flexibility, balance and strength.

Dance Stretch

Tues./Thurs., 11:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m., Gym, Begins Feb. 6/ends March 8

Engage your muscles in gentle stretching poses to encourage proper muscle lengths and alleviate aches and pains from sitting and "computing" too long. Yoga and dance moves will be incorporated into this workout. No prior experience in dance or yoga is necessary.

Fitness Center

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Make use of the variety of pieces of cardio vascular equipment, the multi-station resistance machine, stability balls and mats. Exercise videos/DVDs are available to follow along with routines.

Recreational Basketball

Monday evening, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Gym, All students welcome

Recreational Volleyball

Tues. & Wed. evenings, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Gym, All students welcome

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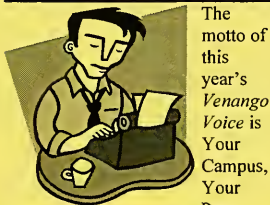
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The motto of this year's *Venango Voice* is Your Campus, Your Paper,

Your Voice. I cannot fulfill its goals alone; I need your help. Your paper is seeking individuals to join its writing staff. If you can read this, you can write an article for your *Venango Voice*. You can write any kind of article, on almost any subject.

Specifically I am looking for someone who enjoys music and can produce articles on new CDs, Classic CDs, local bands, national bands, concert reports. Any kind of music can be reviewed: country, rock, classical—if it has a clef note, it qualifies as music.

Sports also will play an important roll in YOUR paper. Your favorite team does not have to be a Pittsburgh team. Again, this is your paper, so you can choose to write about the sports you enjoy. I would be grateful for an article on telephone poll tossing if you have some knowledge in that arena.

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vvoice@clarion.edu. You never know, you could win a Pulitzer Prize for your work, or just some extra credit from your English Professor. The sky is the limit.

New Wireless Keyboard is a Great Addition to a Media Center

by Julia Hall

When it comes to getting the most productivity or enjoyment out of your computer, wireless devices go a long way. With wireless input devices, you can move around easily to find a more comfortable position when you get too cramped from being in the same position for the past three hours.

Wireless input devices include keyboards and mice. The combination of a wireless keyboard and mouse can make working with a computer much more comfortable and enjoyable. It's especially so with the newer trend of having computers integrated with home entertainment centers. In fact, the idea of using a conventional keyboard with a cord in the living room seems downright ridiculous. It's easy to picture the cord of your keyboard getting caught in the built in foot rest of your Lay-Z-Boy or being tripped over and sending the keyboard flying when it's left on the coffee table. And then there's the concern about how long the cords on corded keyboards actually are. In fact, there may not be a keyboard with a long enough cord for use in the living room. Even in the home office there are plenty of uses for a wireless keyboard as demonstrated by the fact that at least one professional author writes on one while leaning back in his easy chair.

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\$234,000 in Nursing Scholarships Awarded

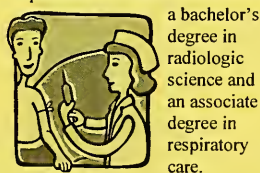


More than \$234,000 has been awarded this year to students enrolled in nursing programs offered by Clarion University—

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"The department of nursing and our students are tremendously grateful to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Foundation and generous Venango Campus donors," said Joyce E. Keenan, acting director of the School of Nursing and Allied Health. "They help to make a career in nursing a reality for many of our students who might not otherwise have the resources for a nursing education."

Students in all of the nursing programs offered at Venango Campus are eligible for the awards. The School of Nursing and Allied Health offers associate and bachelor's degrees, as well as a master's degree in nursing provided in collaboration with Slippery Rock and Edinboro Universities. In addition, the Department of Allied Health offers



a bachelor's degree in radiologic science and an associate degree in respiratory care.

"These generous awards provide life-changing opportunities for our students and help to meet the critical need for health care professionals in our region and beyond," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of Venango Campus.

SCHOLARSHIPS!!!



We are fast approaching the first deadline date for submitting scholarship applications.

Friday, February 23, 2007, is the deadline for applying for scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year. Anyone who will be

a student during the next school year may apply. That includes current Venango Campus students, current high school seniors, new students, transfer students, etc. Applications are available in the Admissions and Financial Aid Office in Frame. We usually award 30 to 40 scholarships at this time. If you are a current student, don't miss this deadline; it is your only shot at applying for scholarships from our committee for the next year! One application will get you considered for all of the scholarships administered by the Venango Campus Scholarship Committee.

August 2007. The August deadline date has not been set yet, but will be probably sometime in August. The summer application period is for new students only. That includes beginning students, students coming back after being out of school for a period of time, or transferring to Clarion

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University-Venango Campus from another school. The August scholarships are specifically NOT for students attending Venango Campus now during the spring semester 2007. Applications will be mailed to area high schools and will be available at Venango Campus by April 2, 2007. We usually award 20 to 30 scholarships in August.

You must be enrolled for at least part of your classes at the Venango Campus to be eligible for any of these scholarships. Clarion Campus students are not eligible for Venango Campus scholarships unless they are also taking courses at the Venango Campus. Applications may be submitted to the Admissions/Financial Aid Office or to Dr. Glenn R. McElhattan, Scholarship Committee Chair. Questions may be

addressed to Dr. McElhattan in 103 Frame Hall or to Latrobe Barnitz in the Admissions/Financial Aid Office at Venango Campus.

Pick up your application in



SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

Admissions/Financial Aid Office in Frame or the bulletin board outside the office.

Glenn R. (Dick) McElhattan, Professor of Chemistry; Chair Venango Scholarship Committee 103 Frame Hall; Clarion University-Venango Campus

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ICF NEW WEBSITE

Interdenominational Christian Fellowship (ICF) is announcing a new year with its brand new Website. No dues or meetings just online discussion about God and Christian teachings and open to Venango staff and students interested in such. The address to the Website is http://www.geocities.com/i_c_f_venango. For more information, log on and check us out or contact Dr. Joan Huber.

Poet Ilya Kaminsky by Phillip Pixley



I recently had the privilege of attending both a Q&A session and a poetry reading with the world-renowned poet Ilya Kaminsky.

I was left both stunned and speechless at the power and passion contained within the 30-year-old poet's voice.

Kaminsky's life has been one of turmoil, change and successful dreams. Born in Odessa, Ukraine, Kaminsky's family was the target of oppression from the government of the former Soviet Union. At age 4, he lost his hearing when doctors misdiagnosed the mumps for a simple cold. His family immigrated to the United States in 1993 after receiving political asylum. From there he earned a bachelor's degree

from Georgetown University, a law degree from Hasting College in San Francisco, and now teaches at San Diego State University.

His demeanor during the Q&A sessions displayed the kind heart Kaminsky has, a heart that compelled him to defend the poor and underprivileged the Bay Area where he worked as a law clerk for Legal Aid. He mixes humor with a touch of seriousness when talking about poetry. He is very attentive to his audience, when a question is asked he does everything he can to stand directly in front of the questioner, even going to the extreme of clawing his way through the throng just to give his undivided attention to the inquisitor. His honesty is compelling. When asked why his grandmother threw tomatoes from her balcony (a reference to his *Dancing in Odessa* poem) he told those gathered that in reality he had made a typo when writing the passage. He intended to write grew, but

threw, made it to the paper. He furthered the story with the explanation that throwing tomatoes better fit his grandmother's personality and that it was sometimes better to pay homage to a character than to facts.

It was not until later that night at his reading that the true effects of his past became apparent. His body language, his inflection, his emotions all betrayed his past. When reading what Ilya called unhappy poems his entire body would become stiff. His voice would spew venom. When he read the lines "and my grandmother raped by the public prosecutor, who stuck his pen in her vagina," from *In Praise of Laughter*, it was as if another person had taken over the body of the mild-mannered and humorous Kaminsky. He became totally erect, his lower jaw jutted out as he ground his teeth together. His voice lost its innocent tone, replaced with visible anger.

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Are You Sabotaging Your Relationships? 10 Fatal Flaws by Cassandra Mack



Have you ever been tempted to try out a new dating strategy you heard about on a talk show or read in some New-Age magazine? Are you relying on old millennium rules to land your new millennium man? If yes, then you might be your own worst enemy when it comes to love and romance. That's right, you may be sabotaging your relationships with fatal relationship flaws.

Before you let your girlfriend set you up with the new hottie at the office, before you go to

that swinging single's event, take a few minutes to find out whether your dating practices are helping you to land your man, or keeping you single without a prospect in sight.

Fatal Flaw #1. Judging A Man By His Net Worth Rather Than His Emotional Worth

If you ask most women what's the number one quality on their mate selection list, they usually say money, money, and show me the money. I know. I know. Your mother probably told you it's easier to love a rich man than a poor one. But did she also tell you that sometimes the bigger the wallet, the bigger the headache? Just because a man has a title behind his name, a house in the hills, or a few zeroes in his account does not guarantee he will love and honor you. Besides, you're a go-getter type of girl and anything you want, you can get for yourself.

Fatal Flaw #2. Having Sex Before You Are Intellectually and Emotionally Bonded

So you saw a few episodes of *Sex in the City* and now you think you're Samantha the sex kitten. The problem with that is, when you enter into a sexual relationship without developing an intellectual and emotional bond, you run a greater risk of getting hurt because you don't know what his true intentions are. Believe it or not, when you make love to a man, you are taking in his spiritual essence and emotional energy. That is why you can be highly attracted to someone, but when the sex is over, you feel empty and disconnected. I am not suggesting you act like a tease, or declare a vow of celibacy, just make sure you waited long enough not to have any second thoughts or regrets the morning after.

Fatal Flaw #3. Not Getting Enough Information Before You Become Too Intimately Involved

Would you buy a house without asking the owner questions about the mortgage, closing costs, and what repairs were needed? Would you purchase a computer without finding out how much memory it has or what special features were included? Then why in the world would you jump into a relationship without getting enough information so you can make sure that what you have is what you really want. The more information you have, the better you'll be able to decide if he's the one for you.

Fatal Flaw #4. Kicking Your Girlfriends To The Curb As Soon As You Get A Man

You know the scenario: You and one of your best girl pals make plans to shop until you drop or check out that trendy new restaurant. Just when you are about to walk out the door she calls and cancels. Why? Because her boyfriend of five weeks hasn't seen her in eight hours and can't wait another minute. Being the good friend you are, you tell her you understand. But you are pissed to the 10th degree. Never dump your friends for your new beau. You may need them just in case he dumps you. Besides, you want him to know you are a dynamic diva

with a fabulously fulfilling social life whether he chooses to be part of it or not.

Fatal Flaw #5. Falling In Love With A Man's Potential

We women have an uncanny knack for seeing the potential in others. You know how it goes. You meet a guy who seems nice enough but he's not exactly what you want. So you fix him up, teach him a few new tricks, and try to zap your frog into a prince. The problem with that relationship is he may never become your prince. And you may waste the best years of your life trying to make him live up to your ideal rather than finding someone who's more compatible.

Fatal Flaw #6. Not Paying Attention When There's Trouble In Paradise

There are some men who come into our lives with cautionary signs stamped right across the middle of their foreheads. But we ignore the warnings, pretend we don't see dysfunction and dismiss our intuitive voice. Why? Because most of us don't want to be alone. And some of us believe a man with baggage is better than no man at all. Pay attention to warning signs of potential problems. They will prevent you from getting into something you may not know how to get out of later.

Fatal Flaw #8. Pretending To Be Someone Else To Trap A Man

Wearing a mask or pretending to be someone you're not is for women who believe they are incapable of attracting a man with their true personality. You are smarter than that. Don't play games, because tricks are for kids. If you get a man through manipulation and deception, how long will you be able to keep it up before the real you comes through? Besides, you are a dynamic diva who is so bedazzling any man who you set your sights on would be a fool not to go for you. Right?

Fatal Flaw #9. Expecting the Man to Pay for Everything

Why should he pay for everything if you are both working? That's not fair. That does not mean you should always foot the bill or become a sugar momma. It means be willing to share the financial responsibility in your relationships. Sometimes you can pay for things and sometimes he can pay.

Fatal Flaw #10. Expecting A Man to Complete You

When Mr. Right finally shows up, be careful not to scare him off by making him feel responsible for your happiness and fulfillment. You must do that for yourself. A man cannot complete you, he can only compliment what you already possess. The key to living a happy and fulfilling life is, learning how to give yourself what you require others to give you

Whether you're looking for Mr. Right or Mr. Right Now, the dating scene isn't easy. Ladies, it can be a jungle out there. But you don't have to get caught up in the lions' den. By recognizing and overcoming your fatal relationship flaws, you can catapult your love life to higher heights. Go get em' girls.

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2:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Cindy Sterner

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NURS xxx: Clinical Practice

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BIO 258: A & P I

BIO 259: A & P II

BIO 111 Basic Biology

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ALO's Darwin Experience, A hair raising success by Fran Hyter

WOW! What else can I say? First, I would like to thank the 135 people who braved the wonderful winter weather we experienced Friday night to join ALO for The Darwin Experience. Furthermore, I must complement Dan Chase and Snakes ~N~ Stuff who put on a show that will undoubtedly go down as one of the best campus events this year.

Dan and his crew brought an array of the lesser understood animal species to the Venango Campus, including an albino python, a king cobra, two alligators, a tarantula, and numerous other creepy crawly creatures that awed the audience and scared the you-know-what out of me. There were more than 20 different species to view and hold if you so desired. I conquered one of my biggest fears; okay two. The first was when I apprehensively allowed Dan to wrap his humongous python around my shoulders and neck. The absolute worst was when I allowed Dan's assistant Mackenzie to place a very large and very fuzzy tarantula on the top of my hand. They said to get the full effect it had to be on the top of the hand because it is more sensitive and you can really feel it, I felt it all right! It took approximately eight seconds for this thing to crawl its way to the other side of my hand. For me it was eight seconds of terror, if it was not for Mackenzie holding my other hand I would have been running through the streets of Oil City.

Venango students, their family and friends were able to have their picture taken with their choice of either the alligator, or the python. Some of our younger guests such as Autumn Huff, who wanted no part of the alligator or python, were able to have their picture taken with a very large desert tortoise.

If you would like to find out more about Dan Chase and Snakes ~N~ Stuff you can visit their Web site at www.endeavorentertainment.com.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the set up and clean up for this event; and Four Star Pizza for their quick delivery

of their pizzas that had to be ordered when we started running out of food.

Once again, have a great semester. We hope to see you at our future events.



Shauna Bell, Becca Krusey, and Sam Kyper demonstrate their ability to tame wild beasts



Autumn Huff enjoyed the Desert Tortoise the most!

Venango Campus Independent Film Series

February 10, 7:30 p.m.

Robert W. Rhoades Center



Brothers—a Wrenching Family Drama

One brother, Michael (Ulrich Thomsen), is an upright family man with three children and a loving wife, Sarah (Connie Nielsen). An officer in the Danish military, Michael is scheduled to get shipped out to Afghanistan to assist in the allied coalition efforts going on in that country. His departure is a time for family togetherness, everyone in one place to wish their favorite man both a safe trip and speedy return.

The other brother, Jannik (Nikolaj Lie Kaas), is newly released from prison for assaulting a bank officer during a botched robbery. It was a mistake, a journey to the dark side this alcoholic reprobate cannot begin to forget or live down. Other than Michael, Jannik's family looks at him in disgust, considers his life to be nothing more than an abstract failure of a deviant nature. If that were it, the younger brother could learn to live with his family's disapproval. Instead, Michael refuses to give up on him, even on his last day in the country insisting Jannik will make something of his life and it's enough to tear the depressed ex-con in two.

But when a helicopter carrying Michael and his men is shot down and crashes into a

lake, things change in an instant for Sarah, the kids, and Jannik. Their rock is gone, sent to his grave in a remote part of the world fighting for a cause none of them fully comprehend. For reasons he cannot quite understand, Jannik takes it upon himself to look after Sarah and her children. Getting a job with a local suburban construction crew, he contracts them to help finish the remodeling in the family's kitchen. Jannik cuts down on his drinking, starts going on outings with the children, and finds he's granting Sarah a much-needed shoulder to cry on. Maybe Michael was right, there was a good person deep inside Jannik only needing a spark to bring him out. Of course, the only unfortunate and depressing thing being this spark had to come in the shadow of his brother's untimely death.

What no one knows is Michael is not dead and is instead being held captive by unnamed extremists looking to undermine the peacekeeping operations in Afghanistan. Given very little food and near-rancid water, Michael is being held with a fellow Danish captive named Henning (Bent Mejding). The young man is scared out of his mind; sure he's going to die in some brutally savage fashion. Michael insists it will not be so, promising the soldier he'll do all he can to make sure the both of them see their loved ones back in Denmark again. Yet, when Michael is faced with a gruesome and horrifying choice, will he be able to live with himself if his decision costs the life of a fellow countryman he's sworn to protect even if it means saving his own life from execution?

Acclaimed director Susanne Bier's ("Open Hearts") latest opus "Brothers (Brødre)" is a haunting slice of life melodrama focusing on a family facing a crisis distinctly plausible in our current day and age. The central family here could easily be one from America, utterly plausible that a tight nit group nesting somewhere in the heartland is wrestling with issues and questions much the same as the one's facing Sarah, Jannik, and those three button-nose children in the suburbs of Denmark. It is a universal story, flashing with both insight and pain the likes of which most mainstream Hollywood pictures can only hint at. But it's also exasperatingly thin, spending far too little time on its main characters most extreme problems resorting to cheap sensationalism

and over exuberant theatrics to get across many of its more obtuse plot points.

Yet, it is hard not to be moved by this blisteringly real motion picture. Bier's Dogma-esque feature glistens like life, shimmering through the façade of make believe to explode to the surface like a missile headed straight for the truth. Brilliantly photographed by Morten Søborg and edited by Pernille Bech Christensen and Adam Nielsen, "Brothers" is fascinating on so many levels it's easy to dismiss the shortcuts and clichés Bier and Anders Thomas Jensen take with their screenplay. Still, a third act meltdown is ludicrously contrived, the steps one of the brothers has to take to bring the other back from the brink something straight out of a mid-afternoon television soap opera.

None of this matters a lick to the principal trio at the heart of things. The actors thunder through the picture like no tomorrow, plumbing depths of human emotions running the gamut from heart-breaking to uplifting. All three turn in vibrant and electrically alive portrayals, illuminating even the darkest aspects of the story with their confident and utterly human performances. I have to admit, it is strangely mesmerizing to see "Gladiator" star Nielsen speak in her native tongue. To the actress' credit, after the first 10 minutes I did finally manage to forget she's an on-the-rise Hollywood movie star, but early on, it's just plain startling to see the ethereal beauty professing love for her husband in hyper-fast Danish.

In the end, there is enough about "Brothers" to embrace and love to look past the script's weaker aspects. Directed with authority and magnificently acted, it is a war-torn family tale of strife and togetherness that stirs the blood, hitting the heart like a tequila cocktail made with 100-proof Cuervo. And even if it finally sputters a bit toward the end, getting there is such a wrenchingly stunning roller coaster of emotional upheaval it's still a journey well worth celebrating.

Film Rating: 3 Stars (out of 4)

By Sara M. Fetters

http://www.moviefreak.com/reviews/b/brothers_2004.htm



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Ilya Kaminsky-From Page 3

The veins in his hands visibly pulsed at each heartbeat. Kaminsky was a man ready to attack, and attack he does, not with the vile pen of the prosecutor but with the pen of a poet. From the poem *Maestro*, he read about a school bombing and its 347 victims. His voice was like a roller coaster of terror; screaming when he read about dead girls and trapped hands, to a low, sorrowful tone when he read about the granddaughter's cheekbones, which were no longer cheekbones. I felt drained after Kaminsky took me on this wild emotional ride.

Nevertheless, he did not stop there. From the angry poems of death and terrorism, he turned his attention to his happy poems. If his body language revealed his inner anger, then it also betrayed his inner joy. In *My Mother's Tango*, Kaminsky painted a picture of a happier time in his life. When he read, his body bounced in joy and remembrance of his birthday. The roller coaster of anger in his voice was replaced with a merry-go-round of joy. More importantly, there was a smile on his face. Again, Kaminsky's voice drained me as he planted images of ponies and dancing inside my head and set them to grow.

I am not a poet. I have an instructor who says anyone can write poetry. He says poetry is in every one. While I left the reading motivated to try a bit harder at my own writing, I am not convinced I can duplicate anything I heard that night. To be honest, I am not sure I would want to. I watched a man relive a time in his life that no man; no person, should ever have to remember, and to do it day after day, with such vivid words, scares me to no end.

I highly recommend you pick up a copy of *Dancing in Odessa* by Ilya Kaminsky. In addition, to hear the power and passion in this poet's voice go to <http://www.ilyakaminsky.com/> and check out the live readings. A pen and a pony will never be the same after you listen to Ilya Kaminsky.



WIRELESS KEYBOARD-CONTIUED FROM PAGE 1

Now there's a new wireless keyboard and mouse combination on the market in the form of Microsoft's Wireless Entertainment Desktop 8000, which is touted as the industry's first rechargeable backlit wireless keyboard. It's specifically designed for media center PCs running the new Windows Vista operating system, though it will work with Windows XP as well. Because it's designed specifically for use with Windows Vista, the Wireless Entertainment Desktop 8000 has various buttons built in that are specifically included to provide access to the features of Vista and may seem nonsensical to users of other operating systems.

There are a number of good features than anyone will appreciate about this keyboard though. One in particular is the inclusion of a pointer device similar to the pointer device on a laptop computer, though smaller, that can be used in place of the mouse. That feature is especially valuable for anyone who appreciates not having to reach for the mouse, and find a surface to use it on, while sitting on the couch.

There are also a number of features (beside the "Entertainment" in its name) that indicate the Wireless Entertainment Desktop 8000 was definitely designed for use with a media center computer as part of a home entertainment system. For one thing, the fact that the keyboard is backlit means that it can be used in the low light conditions of a home theater. The keyboard is also littered with buttons that can be used to control the playback of various media.

Some things many reviewers and customers don't like about the Wireless Entertainment Desktop 8000, though, include the layout of the keyboard, which has moved the special Windows button and turned the "F" keys into small tabs that register a keystroke at the slightest touch. That model also does away with a numerical pad. All things considered, though, it should be a huge step in the right direction for wireless input devices that accommodate the current needs of computers and users.

A pioneer in gadgets and technology reporting, Julia Hall has published articles about the latest digital devices and gadgets for more than 10 years. After graduating from MIT with a degree in electrical engineering, Julia turned down huge salaries from some of the most recognized Fortune 500 companies in the world to pursue her dream of becoming a leading consumer advocate. Julia uses her expertise to cut through the too good to be true deals offered by high tech companies to reveal the real steals and the real duds that we're bombarded with daily. If you enjoy staying on the cutting edge of technology and gadgets, whether for business or pleasure, but find yourself occasionally confused by the overwhelming and convoluted information out there let Julia show you the way.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



I have been given the task of finding my replacement as editor of the *Venango Voice* for the 2007/2008 school year.

Some of you may think I am being reprimanded, or finding one's replacement is cruel and unusual punishment. However, I assure it is not. I have known this day would come since I was appointed editor in May 2006. If it was not for the fact all my classes next year will be in far off Clarion, I would not give up this job.

Why would someone want the job of editor? First look at the positive aspects of the job. Number one (for some) is that it is a paid position. That's right, I get paid to expound my thoughts and personal agenda. You will not get rich, but it will provide you with a year's supply of macaroni and cheese and I am not talking the cheap generic kind that tastes like the cardboard box it comes in. As editor, you can afford the good Kraft brand.

Next, do you need a quiet place to study before that ever important midterm? As editor of the *Venango Voice*, you get your own office, with a lock and key to boot. You can store your books, your lunch or your sleeping bag in your office.

Most importantly, you will receive experience. No amount of financial remunerations will top the experience I have accumulated through the position. Furthermore, it looks good on the resume.

What the job is not, is easy. It can be time consuming and nerve racking at times. At times, you will have to beg your friends to write something for you, and trust me, my friends often turn the other way when they see me coming. There will be times when you have so many submissions it will become editor's choice. Sometimes you will save them for the lean weeks, other times you will publish a 10 page issue. As editor, the choice is yours.

Qualifications for this job? An ability to read and write. Sometimes you (as I have) will be accused of not being able to do either, but that is part of the

experience I mentioned earlier. By being editor, your abilities will greatly improve. You will become more employable after a year in the position of editor.

How do you apply? First you need to submit articles for publication in the *Venango Voice*. Don't worry about what I know is running around in your head as you read. You can do it; you have the ability to write with quality and authority.

If you are interested in replacing me, or just want to submit to the *Voice*, stop by and see me in the Rhoades Center Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 12:30 pm. You can also e-mail me at vvoice@clarion.edu. You can also contact Dr. Joan Huber during her office hours. I look forward to finding a replacement.



OPEN MIC NIGHT by Fran Hyter

For those of you who did not attend, you missed a really great time. The hidden talents of our faculty, staff, and students truly shined Friday night. Starting off the evening was a band whose name I did not catch. Their music was a little jazz and a little folk. If anyone reading this knows the name of this band, please let me know; my apologies to this band for not knowing your name. I do know our very own Dr. Carrie Forden and LaTrobe Barnitz were members of this band. The group is one I look forward to hearing again. Next up was Doug Bussell whose performance was an attempt to hypnotize some of the audience. Kevin Anderson, Cody Hansen, Sara Cunningham, Cory, and Matt were gracious enough to volunteer. Unfortunately, not one of them succumbed to hypnosis. That's okay though, because from what I hear, not everyone is able to be

hypnotized on the first try. You have to want to be hypnotized. A good friend once told me that in order to be hypnotized you have to have a very good imagination. We were then graced with Billie Schwab, one of our graduate assistants who lulled us with a Bonnie Raitt song. Billie sang like an angel. She has a very beautiful voice. Doug Bussell gave it another go around; this time he awed those in attendance with a magic trick. The hypnosis may not have worked, but there were quite a few gasps from the crowd as Doug worked his magic. I overheard more than one person exclaim "Oh my gosh did you see that!" There was a student named Simon whose last name I do not know and I truly apologize for it, because he is a very talented guitarist and singer. Simon performed a couple of solos that captivated most of the women in

the audience. Simon, if you don't have a girlfriend, I know the girls who were at my table were very impressed. Sara Cunningham and Kevin Anderson sang a beautiful duet, "A Whole New World" from Disney's Aladdin. Kevin then performed his Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup dance. The dance brought bouts of laughter from the audience. Don't worry Kevin, we were laughing with you, not at you. Sadly, I had to cut my evening short. Such is the life of a nursing student! Make sure you mark the next Open Mic Night on your calendar, you will not regret it.



Student Senate Weekly Blog

Hi Everyone!

This week the Venango Campus held its third meeting of the new year. We discussed many important issues that will benefit the student body of this campus.

Starting February 19, 2007, Student Senate applications for the 2007/2008 school year will be available in the Student Affairs office and from any one of your current Student Senators. The tentative return date is April 2, 2007, with voting tentatively set for April 16, 17, 18, 2007.

The Foods and Facilities Committee met on Friday, February 9, 2007, and determined a winner for our Renaming the Venango Café Contest. The winner will be announced soon. The other meetings will be held on Friday. The next Food and Facilities meetings are March 2, 2007, and Friday April 13, 2007, all starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Rhoades Conference Room. All are welcome.

Senate also approved the use of the remaining Fitness Center Budget on other campus projects and improvements. Some of the remaining money will be spent on a sound system for Rhoades, which includes overhead speakers for the café area, and sound system

improvements for the stage area. Art hanging equipment was approved to hang artwork throughout the Rhoades. If anyone knows a local artist who would be willing to display their work please e-mail Fran Hyter at s_fjhyter@clarion.edu or Abby Essigmann at s_abbessigman@clarion.edu.

On Monday, February 12, 2007, from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. there will be a mandatory budget meeting for all clubs and organizations. The meeting will be held in the Rhoades Center Student Conference Room. The meeting will be held by Angel Muschweck and will discuss the budget process for next year.

On February 1, 2007, Emily Aubele, Student Senate Vice President Abby Essigmann, and Dean Christopher Reber met with Randy Brink from PennDOT about putting a crosswalk in from the Student Resident Apartments to the stairway across the street. The crosswalk was turned down due to the small number of students crossing the street in the amount of time needed. Aubele and Reber will contact the city about putting up pedestrian warning signs at each end of the street.

The Athletics Department requested and received money from the Student Senate Contingency Fund. Due to the moving and recovering of the pool tables last semester, the Athletics Department was short money. The funds will be used for upcoming tournaments and equipment for the intramural volleyball program.

Weekly Senate meetings are held in the Rhoades Student Conference room on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all students of the Venango Campus. You are welcome to voice your opinions about any campus related activity or project.

Abby Essigmann

Vice
President,
Venango
Campus
Student
Senate



Public Speaking: Seven Things to be Aware of When Making a Presentation or Giving a Speech by Yvonne Perry



Sometime in your career you will be asked to give a talk. It may be in a small meeting of peers and coworkers or it may be in front of a large audience of strangers. Here are seven things to be aware of when making a presentation or giving a speech.

1. **Grammar** – Use correct grammar. Duh! Of course we need to use correct grammar but you would be surprised at how many times I've heard people use verb tenses that don't agree with the subject of the sentence. Write out your speech beforehand and read it aloud a few times. That will help you catch most of the mistakes privately. Ask a roommate or friend to listen to the speech and give you feedback or note any grammatical errors.

2. **Filler Words** – Unnecessary words that do not help convey your point can be distracting.

Avoid the use of "uh, ah, you know, like, and I mean." In order to avoid run-on sentences, insert a one-second pause between sentences instead of using "and" or "so" to connect two or more sentences. Take a short breath between longer sentences, and allow your audience to take in what you have said. Articulate clearly and pronounce words correctly. Before you take the stage, practice saying any difficult words you plan to use.

3. **Body Language** – By this, I am referring to unintentional cues you give such as looking at your notes, not making eye contact, slumped shoulders, hands in pockets jingling money, or slouching on the lectern. Practicing in front of a mirror will help you discover your own quirky movements.

4. **Gestures** – These are intentional movements you use to make a point or illustrate the importance of a word. Make your

gestures large enough to be seen by the person sitting in the back of the room. Step away from the lectern when using the lower part of your body; otherwise your movement will not be seen.

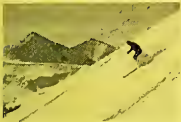
5. **Vocal Variety** – Avoid monotone and jazz up your presentation by varying your tone (emphasis or emotion), pitch (high or low voice), and rate (fast or slow). All of these help keep an audience interested in what you are saying.

6. **Your Topic** – Your focus should be on your audience. An interesting topic is important, but should be relevant to your listener's needs. Prepare ahead of time. Write key points on small 3x5 note cards to remind you of what is next. Only use them if necessary.

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One Of The Best Things About Skiing Is That You Can Choose From Many Different Styles Of Skiing

by Tim Gorman



One of the best things about skiing is you can choose which of the many different styles and methods most appeals to you.

Generally when people think of skiing, they think of snow, but in fact you can ski on water, sand, or grass. You can ski on hills or across flat terrain, and you can use either one ski or two. So let's look at some of the diverse styles of skiing you might like to try.

Snow Skiing

There are two main types of snow skiing - alpine and Nordic. Alpine is downhill skiing, and Nordic is cross-country. The equipment and techniques used for the two disciplines are quite different. If you want to do both, you can, and many skiers enjoy both styles of skiing at different times of the year.

Although there are a number of differences, the main one is that Nordic ski boots are only attached to the ski at the toe end. The heel can be lifted from the ski, allowing the skier to use a striding motion. If you're alpine skiing, your ski boots must be attached firmly to the ski at both the toe and heel, to allow maximum control at high speeds or during turns.

The equipment is different, particularly the ski boots and skis. Nordic skiers use flexible, low cut ski boots, which are quite different to the high, rigid boots that are appropriate for alpine skiing. Also, Nordic skis are thinner and longer, so they glide easily over the snow.

When it comes to alpine skiing, there are plenty of disciplines from which to choose. You can choose different skiing styles, such as mogul, powder, off and on piste, or there are specific skills such as free-style, speed skiing, telemark, and ski jumping.

Powder Skiing

Powder skiing is often described as the ultimate experience by skiing enthusiasts. Snow that is light and dry is known as powder snow. Cutting through light, pristine powder is an amazing experience, and skiers will often go to extreme lengths if it means they can ski in powder. The techniques of powder skiing are quite different to those used on groomed trails. Turns need to be more gradual, and the skier's weight has to be kept further back on the skis. When powder skiing is done well, it's

beautiful to watch the technical finesse required, and it's often described as feeling like you're floating on clouds.

Moguls

If you've seen a ski run with lots of bumps, then you've seen moguls. The moguls form on a ski hill because so many skiers follow the same paths down the slope. On a busy hill, it's possible for the hill to become covered in moguls, and skiing them well requires very specific techniques. Control is of high importance when skiing through moguls. Looking down at a hill full of moguls can be scary, but if you take them at a slight angle and use your downward pole as a pivot point, you'll be okay. You need to pivot around the pole and use the spring action of your knees to ski over the mogul at the same time. It's important to start at beginner levels with moguls, but a good preparation will prepare you for the excitement and fun of speed mogul skiing. Rhythm is the key, so it's important to get into a rhythm with your turns to help you stay in control.

Backcountry Skiing



If you're getting bored with the groomed trails of your favorite ski resort, then why not try some backcountry skiing? It can be a great way to see the outdoors in a way most people never experience. It can be challenging, which also

means that it can be dangerous. Most ski resorts give you access to ski patrols and other rescue services, but in the backcountry you're on your own. Shelter might be miles away if a storm blows in. If you're a strong skier and are well prepared, though, you may well find the challenge of backcountry skiing irresistible, and enjoy it without any mishaps.

For more information about the many types of skiing to include freestyle skiing, try visiting <http://www.freestyle-skiing.info>, a ski Website that specializes in providing information on caring for your skis, buying the proper ski boots and clothing, choosing skis and essential ski equipment.

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Student Senate Hours

Fran Hyter
President

Monday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Abby Essigmann
Vice President

Monday 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. - noon
Thursday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Heather Williams
Secretary

Monday 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - noon

Shannon Shuffstall
Treasurer

Monday 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Isaac Grove

Tuesday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Kevin Anderson
Monday 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Do you have a gripe or complement about the way something is done here at Venango Campus? If you do, the first place to go is to one of your Student Senators. Stop by the Rhoades Center during their office hours and let them know what is on your mind.





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7. **Props** – Not every presentation will have or need props. However, visual aids and paper handouts make a talk more interesting, help the audience follow along and give them notes, e-mail addresses or Website URLs to refer to later.

I know it is a lot to remember—especially for a beginner. You may want to start by giving your presentation at home by focusing on only one aspect at a time. Go through your presentation the first time listening for grammar usage and filler words, then go through it again noticing body language and gestures; on the third time through pay attention to your voice. By the time you have gone through your speech the fourth time, you will feel at ease, know your material well and be able to manage props effectively.

Yvonne Perry has completed the requirements for the Advanced Toastmaster Silver (ATM) and Advanced Leader (AL) Awards. She uses her public speaking skills through Writers in the Sky, her monthly newsletter and weekly podcast about the craft and business of writing. Be sure to subscribe to the RSS podcast feed and her free monthly newsletter about writing, networking, publishing and marketing when you visit <http://www.yvonneperry.net>

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Why Should I Use Pocket PC Nursing Software?

By Rose Lindy

There is some software on the cutting edge of technology that is helping nurses to streamline their tasks. With a pocket PC and one of the many pocket PC nursing software packages available everyone from doctors to student nurses are using a Pocket PC to help treat patients more effectively. This is possible because with the Pocket PC there is instant access to patient information.

This article will discuss some of the nursing software programs available and what the benefits are off that particular program.

1. NurProc

NurProc is a software program that will give you instant access to more than 500 procedures. There are step-by-step instructions included to make each procedure very clear. It even lists the type of equipment you will need as well as preparation, implementation and any complications that could happen from the procedure.

2. RNDxTests

The software is very practical and is often used by nursing students as a textbook. Using the software during their theory classes helps them to integrate laboratory and diagnostic data. This information can be used as a reference in clinical settings. The purpose of this software is to guide nurses in assessment, monitoring, and treatment.

3. Lippincott

The software is actually a manual of nursing practices. Step-by-step guidelines are provided for more than 150 procedures in many areas of nursing. It is easy to navigate through the software because it has been designed to search for things in alphabetical listing and cross-reference to a particular procedure.

4. Frye's 3000 Nursing Bullets for NCLEX-RN

The software encompasses all of the clinical areas found on the NCLEX-RN. It even includes medical-surgical nursing, psychiatric and mental health nursing, maternal-neonatal nursing, and pediatric nursing. This is an especially helpful tool for students because it helps them to prepare for exams. It does this by presenting key facts in random order. With this software student nurses can study for exams anytime they want.

Another benefit of having a pocket PC nursing software is to keep up with all the new drugs that are constantly appearing on the market. It is a very difficult task to be able to keep up with all the new types of drugs their side effects and how they interact with other drugs. That in and of itself makes it worth while for any nurse or doctor or anyone in the medical field who is treating patients to have a Pocket PC with nursing software.

Go to Rose's site, nursingsresource.info for more information on nursing software and other nursing information.

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Venango Voice

Pittsburgh Jazz Great Phat Man Dee and the Liquitones to Appear at Clarion University–Venango Campus



Phat Man Dee and the Liquitones will perform at Clarion University–Venango

Campus on Friday, February 23, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

A Pittsburgh jazz sensation with a powerful three-octave range, Phat Man Dee sings standard jazz, ragtime, and post-Be Bop

original compositions, all with a twist of comedy. She was recently nominated “one to watch” in the pop music category of *Pittsburgh Magazine’s* “Harry Schwalb Awards.”

Phat Man Dee is touring with her ensemble of musicians including Colter Harper, Tony Depaolis, Mike Murray, and Chris Parker, and is known for a performance loaded with heart, high energy, and an unexpected twist of comedic burlesque.

Her strong command and love of the jazz repertoire has been

viewed in appearances with such acts as Chicken John’s Circus Ridiculous, Wolgemut, The Goddess Perlman, Neke Carson, The Bindlestiff Family Roadshow, The Bull Seal! Collective, Moritu Gypsy Dance Ensemble, and The Interplanetary Ramen Noodle Wrestling Federation. She has appeared with the Pittsburgh Opera, The Jazz Mandolin Project, and Laughingsquid.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 814-676-6591, ext. 1269, or eaubele@clarion.edu.

Venango Campus to Hold Open House for FirstEnergy Program

Venango Campus will host an open house for students interested in the electric utility technology concentration of the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology Degree, which is offered through a partnership between FirstEnergy Corporation, the parent company of Penelec, and Clarion University. The open house will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 6 p.m., in the Robert W. Rhoades Center. The program is free and open to all interested persons. Tours of the campus will be available at 5 p.m.

The award-winning, two-year program is designed to educate future electric utility professionals with an emphasis on overhead line work. Launched in Fall 2005 at Venango Campus, it is the first such program in FirstEnergy’s Penelec service area.

The program has been so successful that FirstEnergy doubled the size of the incoming class in 2006. FirstEnergy provides qualified students enrolled in the program free tuition, including college fees, books, and protective clothing.

The open house program will be presented by representatives of FirstEnergy Corporation’s Power Systems Institute (PSI) and professor Vic Bowser, chair of the university’s Department of Applied Technology.

Information will be available at the open house about other concentrations of study offered through the Department of Applied Technology. Under the unique model, students complete general education and business courses at

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Venango Campus Independent Film Series

February 24

7:30 p.m.

Rhoades Center

Friends With Money

peeks in on the rich and finds that money is the root of much smugness, some ghastly home renovation, and even a little happiness.



But evil? Not much of that in writer/director Nicole Holofcener's laid-back ensemble piece about a group of mostly wealthy Los Angelenos whose cash seems to have insulated them from some of the harrowing problems (not to mention the minorities) on view in *Crash*.

We meet the monied "Friends" at a birthday dinner for one of their number—a successful fashion designer (Frances McDormand). The event is arranged by her too-good-to-be-straight husband (Simon McBurney) who's invited a pair of philanthropists (Joan Cusack, Greg Germann), married bickering screenwriters (Catherine Keener, Jason Isaacs), and their pathetic single friend (Jennifer Aniston).

Each couple has its schematic—McDormand appears to be wrestling with a bout of depression, Keener and Isaacs are edging closer to divorce, Cusack and her hubby are self-satisfied and spend their day passing judgment (and withholding money) from their slacker friend Aniston, who can't find a man because she's stalking the married guy who dumped her.

It becomes apparent midway through its brief running time that *Friends With Money* is going nowhere in particular, that we're just meant to enjoy the ride,

and there are enough laughs to last 88 minutes.

Certainly anyone with children will enjoy the scene in which McDormand rebukes the neighborhood mom who lets her kids lounge at other houses without offering reciprocal play dates.

The best bit involves McDormand's mate—everybody thinks he's gay, because of his sensitive demeanor and love of fashion and shampoos that contain real fruit.

Friends With Money appears to be making sport of bourgeois gay paranoia, but Holofcener keeps pushing the joke until she's examining ours—he strikes up a friendship with an equally gay-ish man (Ty Burrell, an underused actor), they see movies together, and share home-cooked meals. This raises a timely question—if macho cowboys can be gay, can men who love cashmere and cream rinse be straight?

There is also the curiosity of seeing Aniston cast as a frumpy cast-off, scraping by as a housekeeper. She gets involved with a self-absorbed trainer (Scott Caan) who sets new amusing standards for girlfriend exploitation.

Elsewhere, Holofcener traffics in more familiar types—the affluent, neurotic Los Angeles power couples who meet for chatty dinners and then reveal their secret contempt for one another on the ride home.

It's behavior enshrined weekly on HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, the difference being that Holofcener pauses to consider the role of money in shaping her characters' behavior. If she came to any conclusions, they escaped me. Subplots that appear to promise dramatic resolution—like the depression tightening its grip on McDormand's character—seem simply to dissolve.

Still, *Friends With Money* is easy to take, and joins *Thank You for Smoking* on the endangered species list of adult comedy.

Source: <http://ae.philly.com/entertainment/ui/philly/movie.html?id=580248&reviewId=20560>

March 3

7:30 p.m.

Rhoades Center



Dispossessed 20-year-old Bruno (Jérémie Renier) lives with his 18-year-old girlfriend Sonia (Déborah François) in Seraing, an eastern Belgian steel town. They live off Sonia's unemployment benefits and the panhandling and petty theft committed by Bruno and his gang. Their lives change forever when Sonia gives birth to their child, Jimmy. She returns home after Jimmy's birth to find Bruno has sublet their apartment to total strangers. After an initial and promising change of heart about becoming a father and changing his ways, Jimmy becomes little more to Bruno than a new source of wealth. Desperate for money and unable to face his parental responsibilities, Bruno sells Jimmy to a black market connection, who promises to find the child an adoptive home. Realizing the error in his actions Bruno sets out to try and undo his callous deed, leading him to a powerful personal transformation.

Source: <http://www.sonyclassics.com/thechild/synopsis.html>



College is expensive these days. Even if you live on campus, you may find the daily necessities of life are not as cheap as they once were. Many parents are also discovering this as they help their students pack for college and move them into dorm rooms.

Apart from daily life on campus, students will do a lot of traveling between home and the dorm room. Parents may find themselves traveling and going back between the college and home. Look for cheap ways to travel as homecoming and holidays are getting closer. Try to be as flexible as possible with your travel schedule and book as far in advance as you can. It can be tricky; however, you may book a ticket two months in advance just to find out it was cheaper two weeks in advance. Explore airlines and their discount strategies before making any purchases. There are numerous online services offering discount tickets and hotel rooms.

Spring break is another big time of year for students. If you want to take a spring break trip, start saving your money now and looking for travel packages. Many students will save up their whole fall semester, just for their spring break trip.

Groceries can be expensive for students. Students should use their meal plans if they are forced by the college to buy them. They should try to stock up on anything they can make in their dorm room as well as snacks. If you live in a house or apartment with roommates, talk to them about sharing the cost of food. Then, take a trip to your local Sam's Club and buy in bulk. Students should also consider meals they can make that will last them throughout the week or for a few days.

With gas prices continuing to rise, students may consider carpooling if they must drive to campus. Students may also consider walking or riding a bike if they do not live far from campus. Not only will you save money on gasoline and auto expenses, but you won't have the parking hassle. You can also save about \$20 on a parking permit.

For students who feel as if their money is just disappearing, consider tracking your expenses over a two-week period. You may find out where you are spending a lot of extra cash as well as find out where

you should cut back. Many students are making multiple unnecessary trips to Starbucks and fast food restaurants.



Budget your money. Figure out your expenses and your must-haves and fit them in. Students may also find they will work well on a spending limit. If you spend a lot of money at the beginning of the semester, you may not have much at the end of the semester. The same goes for your paycheck. If you cash your check and then hit the bars the same night, you are going to spend more than you should.

Be careful with your credit card. If you must charge something, make sure you have the money to pay it off when the bill comes in. Many students find themselves with a lot of credit card debt and it is hard to dig your way out when you have a high interest rate. The same goes for excess student loan money. Don't borrow more than you need and you won't be tempted to spend it carelessly.

If you know who your roommate will be before you go to college, call them. You don't need two microwaves and two refrigerators. If you can share some of the expenses of college, do so.

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Snowboarding Tricks 101

By Ronald Goodpaster



I like the floating feeling you get on quarterpipes, it feels like you're hanging in the air and you can, with no trouble, grab anywhere on the board. One of the most fun tricks on a QP is the air to fakie.

Airs to fakies are also one of the easiest tricks. All you have to do is ride straight at the QP on your shred stick. I like this trick because of its simplicity. An air to fakie is basically the same thing as straight airing a jump, except the QP shoots you straight up in the air ... so you land in the same spot you took off. All you have to do is ride straight at the QP.

When approaching a QP, pick a straight line up the wall and stay totally flat-based while riding up the transition. If you get on edge, you may go flinging left or right—you won't go as big. Always keep your knees bent.

When you reach the top of the lip, you don't need to pop much, keep your body solid and let the QP do all the work for you. Remember: like hips and wallrides,

start out small to feel out the transition, then you can "send it." So, now that you've left the lip, try to stay composed. Fly up in the air and grab the board. I like to grab front-side.

You're floating and tweaked-out frontside now, look down at the coping to make sure you'll land back in the transition. As long as the QP has vert on it, you should be fine. If so, then you're good to go—if not, well, good luck, 'cause landing on the deck of a QP is sketchy. Anyway, as you come back down to land, you should land in about the same place you left the lip—nice and high on the transition.

Ride back down the tranny switch and pump back up the hill as far as possible. You'll have less of a hike to hit the quarterpipe next time. Once you learn this trick, then you can move on to frontside and backside airs.

Boxes are a great feature to learn boardslides, front boards, and 270-outs on because they're super easy to shred. Boxes are nice and wide compared to a handrail, so you don't need to worry if you're not perfectly centered on the box. For a boardslide, hop on the box at a 90-degree angle and stay centered over the board, flat-based, until you reach the end of the box—it's too easy. So instead, I'm going to walk you through the boardslide to 270 out.

Approaching a box is pretty mellow; you don't need to hit it from a crazy angle or anything. Just stay calm and loose, and roll up on it. It is good to pop off your toes on the takeoff and land in more of a tailslide, instead of landing totally square in the middle of the box—it makes snapping the 270 out easier. Now that you're sliding, stay over the board so it doesn't spit out in front of you. Hold the position with your knees bent.

As you near the end of the box, begin to rotate your head and shoulders in the front-side direction. Spring an ollie off your back foot and initiate the frontside spin—use your shoulders to direct the rotation. The front 270 feels just like a frontside three, but it's easier to land. If you keep your eyes on the ground and bend your knees with the board pointed straight down the hill, you shouldn't have a problem with the landing.

Now that you have learned several common tricks, feel free to go out and try them. If you fail, remember, practice makes perfect and even more practice makes you even more perfect, or at least that is what I have been told. Go out there and try your best, and you are sure to get the results that you are after. Good Luck!

Ronald Goodpaster is a loving father of six beautiful children. He has written numerous articles on health, nutrition and fitness. If you are serious about snowboarding, get the guide at:
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With premature babies, the line between life and death is ever so thin. Some babies miraculously

survive while others are not so fortunate. For many premature babies, life could be tragically short or an epic struggle. For the parents, it is an excruciating ordeal.

Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death and many lifelong disabilities. You can help the March of Dimes fight prematurity by taking steps in WalkAmerica. Join WalkAmerica and a million compassionate people nationwide who care about saving babies. Do it in the name of someone you love – a premature

baby, a healthy baby, your own baby, or the baby of a relative or friend.

You can do something now to someday ensure no baby again has to traverse that thin line between life and death. Every dime you raise brings us one step closer to finding the answers to the scourge of prematurity.

Students, faculty, staff, and family members can register to walk at the 2007 March of Dimes WalkAmerica event. To register to walk, please pick up a form in the Continuing Education office at 215 Frame Hall, the Frame Hall Administrative Office, or at the Rhoades desk. You may also register online at www.walkamerica.org. The fundraiser event will take place on **Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at Venango Campus**. Registration begins promptly at noon.

Perhaps you can not participate in the walk? You can still show

your support for the March of Dimes by purchasing Daffin's candy bars that are located in the Frame Hall Administrative Office and in the Admissions and Financial Aid Office for a \$1 or by sponsoring someone else who is walking.

Prize incentives are available through the March of Dimes to individual walkers raising \$100 or more.

Our goal is to have 25 walkers and raise \$1500. We will keep everyone posted of our progress as we strive to reach our goals. Please join in and help us give babies a fighting chance!



Sports with Evan Basham



Hello Venango! Let's talk some sports! College Basketball is really starting to

heat up. Florida as been at the number one spot for a while now; however, with a recent loss to Vanderbilt, Florida might be dropping in rankings. Many teams such as North Carolina, Ohio State, Wisconsin, and even Pittsburgh are fighting for the number one seeds in this year's NCAA March Madness tournament. One team that is truly showing the country they have what it takes is UCLA.

UCLA has really stepped up its game and is proving it deserves a good seed in the tournament. With more than half of their team being sophomores, they have a lot to learn... but their intensity and dedication is making up for their lack of experience. Many teams are frantically trying to secure spots in the tournament but only time will tell. Teams have to be able to step up their game and play their best if they want a chance to be in this year's March Madness. Selection Sunday will determine what teams are in or out, watch it on ESPN Sunday March 11 at 6 p.m., and the tournament officially begins March 15! MORE INFORMATION TO COME ON THE 2007 MARCH MADNESS TOURNEY!

Last week NASCAR was kicked off with the Daytona 500! With one of the closest finishes in NASCAR history, Kevin Harvick beat Mark Martin to the finish line by two one-hundredths of a second to be exact. Many cars were smashed up by a so-called demolition derby in the last few laps. Harvick and Martin both survived and finished one of the greatest Daytona 500s of all time, some fans said. What a race it was, and a fun-filled start for NASCAR racers. The season is starting out pretty good! How will it end up? Tune in to ESPN every Sunday to find out. Check your local listings and/or ESPN.com for more details on NASCAR, and your favorite NASCAR racers.

There are few things that affect the quality of our lives as much as our ability to bounce back after getting “knocked down.”

If there is one thing in this life I know to be true, and that science continues to find new support for each year, it's that we can alter our responses to “stressful” events and situations, thus improving our quality of life, and ceasing to undermine our health.

A University of Alberta study shows us once again we have reason to celebrate our ability to change. Dr. Beverly Leipert decided to study a group of women who have always had it “tough,” she chose to conduct a study on resilience, studying the women who had spent their lives living separated from others, enduring month after month of brutal cold ... the women of the frozen North.

Each of the women in Dr. Leipert's study had lived much of their lives in the rugged terrain of northern British Columbia. These women had lived with a rather unique set of risk factors: the bitter cold, attitudes regarding gender, threats posed by local wildlife, and very limited resources. These were not sporadic risks, they were simply a way of life, and were present each day.

After Leipert had compiled her findings, she discovered the three main strategies responsible for their resilience: becoming what she called “hardy,” making favorable meanings or “stories” about their situation in the North, and supplementing what the North had to offer.

Each of these women had learned to become self-reliant, had followed various spiritual or religious beliefs, had developed a liking for outdoor activities like camping, fishing and skiing, learned indoor activities like painting, sculpture, or quilting, and had decided to volunteer for community groups and activities.

Notice each of the actions or behaviors above were learned, or chosen. The resilience they had developed was not some genetic gift or spontaneous phenomenon, they had taken active roles in creating the experience of the life they were living, and the level of resilience they had developed.

I'm often asked what I think about the role of DNA, or our genetic makeup, and a propensity to have certain “strengths” and “weaknesses”

or traits. Make no doubt about it; there can't not be a genetic role in our lives. Just being alive is genetic. However, because at this point and time, there is very little we can do to alter our genetic makeup, I have made it my life's work to focus on the parts of our experience we can influence.

What can we learn from these hardy women of Northern British Columbia? First and foremost, we can accept, or not, that the quality of our lives will involve an active role on our part. When I work one-on-one with clients who desire to make a change in their lives, I use leading edge tools and strategies to assist them in doing so.

As powerful as some of these tools are though, unless I successfully convey one thing in particular to each client before we begin, the tools will be useless: each client is expected to work hard. The legendary Green Bay Packers coach, Vince Lombardi was a brilliant coach to be sure, but were it not for the football players who were as dedicated to carrying out the tasks he assigned, as he was to creating them, the world would have never heard of Vince Lombardi.

Know this: “bad” stuff is going to happen. The question is this, are you comfortable with the way you have reacted to the “bad” stuff that has happened in your past, and how long it has kept you from being as productive as you can be?

We can stop reacting and start responding the moment we decide to take an active role in how we will interact with “life” in the future. To bury our head in the sand and hope nothing else “bad” happens is not only ineffective, it's downright deceptive and dangerous.

Think about a pinball machine; decide today to stop being the “ball,” and make the decision to become the “flipper.” The ball is at the mercy of everything else around it, but the flipper, now that's a different story. While the flipper cannot control 100 percent of what happens inside that machine, it can influence the outcome to varying degrees. How do we alter these “varying degrees” in our favor? Let me illustrate.

When I was in high school back in the early '80s, we had a local arcade with all of the popular video games of this era, Asteroids, Pac Man, Space Invaders, etc.

There was a kid who had his name in the number one position on just about every game in the building. Was John Barron the recipient of some special genetic code for arcade game mastery? No, John was a “master” for one very good reason; any time of day you walked into the arcade, John was playing and getting better. John could smoke me on Asteroids because he had played more; he practiced every day of his life, and had therefore refined his arcade game skills.

Realize that once you decide to become the “flipper” in your life that you might “tilt” a few times at first, but like any skill in life, you'll get better the more you “play.”

Look back through the article, and take some time to discover how you can apply the three main strategies used by the Northern women to your own life. Just remember, whoever said old dogs can't learn new tricks was probably a pathetic trainer with young dogs as well. Regardless of how you have reacted in the past, know you can learn to respond in new and more useful ways.

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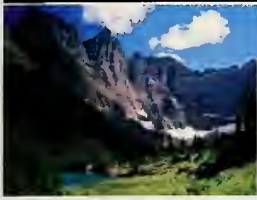


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Glacier National Park – A Hikers Paradise By Trevor Kugler



If you like to hike, Glacier National Park is the vacation destination for you. There are more than 730 miles of trails for hikers to enjoy within Glacier National Park. That's a lot of hiking. The park also boasts some of the most beautiful scenery in the west. I've been to visit both Yellowstone and Glacier; in my opinion, Glacier National Park has better scenery than Yellowstone. I realize that if you haven't been to Glacier you may think I'm crazy, but taking nothing away from Yellowstone, I personally think Glacier National Park offers even better scenery.

For those of you interested in viewing wildlife while hiking, Glacier won't disappoint in this area either. There is always the opportunity to see wildlife, some of which would include: black bears, grizzly bears, foxes, coyotes, porcupines, gophers, squirrels, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep. For those hikers interested in seeing wildlife, Glacier National Park will not disappoint.

Glacier National Park is one of the largest and most intact ecosystems in North America. There are more than fifty glaciers within the park, thus the name. There are also more than 200 lakes and streams in Glacier National Park. The largest lake is Lake Macdonald, and the various streams and river hold nice populations of wild trout. With all of this water in the park, getting too hot won't be a problem. Just be careful, because the shocking cold of glacier water is sometimes quite a surprise.



For all of you hikers who like to catch fish while on a hike, Glacier National Park is the place for you as well. There are tons of lakes and streams within the park that wild trout call home. Native rainbow, brook, and cutthroat trout all can be found within the boundaries of Glacier National Park. The park has special regulations for anglers, so make sure you inquire at a ranger station before wetting a line.

For hiking, Glacier National Park is hard to beat. Whether it be a little day hike or you're looking to spend multiple days camping and hiking, Glacier National Park can accommodate everyone. For your next hiking vacation, give Glacier National Park the consideration it deserves. You'll be glad you did and have some of the best hiking there is to be had in the Rocky Mountains.

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PTK CO-Sponsors Bridal Show

On February 25, PTK members were involved in the annual Bridal Show at the Quality Inn in Franklin. Students modeled bridal dress from around the world that would make an Oscar attendee blush with jealousy. Brides to be were able to sample the cakes and goodies from local caterers as well as view portfolios from photographers and hear sample tracks from performers and DJs.

Far left photo: Becca Krusey, Shauna Bell, and Samantha Kyper ham it up for the camera.

Left: Samantha Kyper receives a helping hand from Doug Bussell.

Below-All the lucky ladies.



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GET OUT AND GET INVOLVED ISSUE

First-Ever Venango Campus Art Exhibit by Fran Hyter



The Foods and Facilities Committee has announced artist Hope Edwards will be the first featured artist to display her work in the newly renovated

Robert W. Rhoades Center. A 1999 graduate of New York University with a degree in photography and studio art, Hope has worked and lived in Washington, D.C., for the last seven years while working on her photography and art. She is pursuing graphic design at the Corcoran College of Art + Design.

The exhibit, entitled *Clue*, based on the widely popular Parker Brothers board game, opens Friday, March 23, at 6 p.m. There will be a fruit and cheese reception beginning at 6:30, open to all students, faculty, staff and community members.



Hope's artwork will be available for purchase at the end of the exhibit.

Jared Campbell Returns To Venango Campus

Singer-songwriter Jared Campbell will perform in the Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium at Clarion University—Venango Campus on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free.



In his two-year professional music career, Campbell, a 24-year-old from Binghamton, N.Y., has become a fixture in the independent music scene. By connecting with his audience on a personal level, he

has built a loyal fan base and sold more than 16,000 CDs, a major accomplishment for an independent artist. Campbell's thought-provoking lyrics and melodic vocals cross many

genres and attract a wide and varied audience. Campbell was selected by MTV Books to record a track for the soundtrack of their short story collection "Lit Riffs." He has shared the concert stage with national acts such as Jason Mraz, Gavin DeGraw, Journey, Matt Nathanson, Sister Hazel, and more.



Venango Campus Independent Film Series

March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Rhoades Center



How's this for a twist... after decades of being subjected to sub-par American remakes of their movies, a French filmmaker pulls off a beautiful act of karmic payback by not only remaking an American movie but making a more engaging feature than its source material. Featuring a star-making turn by Romain Duris, Jacques Audiard's re-imagining of James Toback's minor 1978 cult film "Fingers" is one of the truly memorable films of the summer.

It's always tricky business to take a story based in one culture and transfer it to another. What might be an honorable action here might be considered cowardice somewhere else. Or a scene meant to invoke fear in one culture would cause an audience on the other side of the planet to giggle. (Just watch any subtitled film from Hong Kong to see how misinterpretations can be commonplace.) Like the better cross-culture adaptations, Audiard and his writing conspirer Tonino Benacquista have wisely kept the spirit of Toback's movie while jettisoning most of the painfully dated New York story. Harvey Keitel's perpetually wasted Jimmy Fingers, torn between his desire to be a concert pianist and his need to be a brutal debt collector for his low-level mobster father, has morphed into the suave Tom, a petty real estate "investor" in Paris, torn between becoming a concert pianist and his need to succeed in a real estate market that has chewed up and spit out his father Robert (Niels Arestrup) time and time again. Like Jimmy, Tom has little regard for the law when it comes to doing his "job." Tom also has women trouble. When Tom has a chance encounter with his late-mother's former concert booker, Mr. Fox, who is unaware Tom hasn't kept up with his piano playing, the older gentleman asks the younger man to come in for an audition. Tom doesn't recognize just how much his life will change starting with that moment, echoing the refrains of John Lennon that life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

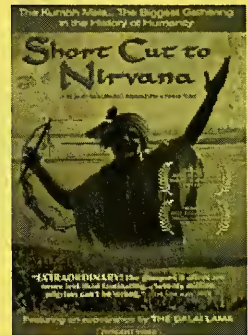
And other plans does Tom start to make, as he begins to see music as a way to get whatever fulfillment from life being a thug hasn't been giving. And while he has not touched a piano in years, Tom still plays well, just not at the level he needs to be to be a concert performer. A regular tough guy might put that frustration back into his job, cracking skulls as he kicks squatters out of his properties, but Tom makes the unusual choice of swallowing his pride and hiring a teacher, Miao-Lin (Linh-Dan Pham), a Chinese music prodigy in Paris to study, which leads to an even deeper division between his two lives.

Within moments from the opening credits, two things will catch your eye and draw you in. The first is that the film is shot, completely in single shots. By eschewing the typical scene selection of "master shot, two shot, close-up of actor 1, close-up of actor 2, reverse two shot, master shot" and leaving behind any kind of director signature (like Michael Bay with his "six cuts per 24 frames" technique or Spielberg's patented "long shot zoom and dolly in to a tight close-up" turn), Audiard and his cinematographer Stéphane Fontaine keep the action situated within single shots, forcing the actors to be in the moment, which always make for more satisfying cinema. Then there is the incredible performance of Romain Duris, who like Keitel is a firebomb waiting to explode, but unlike Keitel doesn't actually need to detonate in order to show a blazing passion. His Tom is a fully realized, passionate, flawed human being, driven by the ghost of his mother and the failures of his father. Duris' Tom grows enough over the course of the time we spend with him that, when he has the opportunity to exact retribution against those who've done wrong to him and his family, Tom is no longer capable of doing the things he did when we're first introduced to him. Duris handles the demanding character changes in a commanding fashion.

"The Beat That My Heart Skipped" affirms the best cinema has to offer: exciting acting, beautiful music and cinematography, great writing, and a lack of condescending to the audience. It is definitely worth asking your local arthouse theatre manager to book, which is sadly the only way many foreign films will ever get outside of the major metropolitan cities.

My rating: A
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March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Rhoades Center



Short Cut to Nirvana is a swirl of color, an exotic procession of sights and sounds, of pilgrims, swamis, gurus, modern snake-oil salesmen, and tourists: It's about the world's largest religious festival, the Kumbh Mela, in Allahabad, India. For 12 days, up to 70 million people arrive at the "mela" held every 12 years in this city (one of four that hosts Kumbh Melas) on auspicious days in the planetary calendar. The faithful believe a pilgrimage to Allahabad and participation in the festival's ritual bathing days, in the watery nexus of three sacred rivers, frees the soul from the cycle of birth, death and rebirth. It's literally the short cut to Nirvana.

The documentary filmmaking team of Maurizio Benazzo, a polyglot Italian journalist and actor, and Nick Day, a British editor and screenwriter, wisely present this vertiginous event through the eyes of an insider, an English-speaking Hindu monk, Swami Krishnanand, as well as four outsiders: three Westerners, and Jasper, an Indian now living in the West who has chosen the occasion to return to his homeland. The coterie of "characters" allows the viewer a range of perspectives and a brief but revelatory peek at Hindu beliefs. Swami Krishnanand explains the tenets and rituals of the holy men and women at the mela with refreshingly little pedantry and a compelling and infectious sense of reverence and wonder. He befriends two of the Westerners, so we see him in their company as a tour guide, but

the filmmakers also interview the swami throughout the mela, as they do Jasper and the Westerners.

The structure of the documentary is ingenious and obviously the work of filmmakers who are also experienced travelers: *Short Cut to Nirvana* walks us through the tent city that grows around the Kumbh Mela, sometimes not stopping to explain what we're seeing, but judiciously pausing at the tents of respected gurus or particularly charismatic or downright wacky gurus, just as a newcomer might. There is the highly regarded Kela Devi (Keiko Aikawa), for instance, who buries herself in the ground for a four-day meditation, and the storied gurus who sit on a bed of nails or twist their penises around a rod. Interviews with the swami and the "outsiders," intercut with these sequences, provide the audience a chance to reflect on particularly outré devotional practices, and function as a kind of traveler's midday coffee break and reality check.

In the humanitarian spirit of this ancient gathering-devotees have attended melas for more than two millennia-the filmmakers maintain an impartial stance, giving equal weight to the quixotic and to the philosophical gurus, and to those whose followers express themselves through rapturous dance and music rather than spoken language. Both Swami Krishnanand and Jasper provide an intellectual fulcrum for understanding the mela, but ironically it is one of the Westerners, Vanessa Ramos (to whom the film is dedicated), who explains the scope of spiritual expression we see and hear in the film. She describes how she retreated from the throngs but drew strength from them: "The external gurus," Vanessa declares, "just point to your inner guru." Ramos, a young woman, died shortly after the film was completed. "She was a unique, bright spirit," Nick Day responded when asked about Vanessa, "and there was no doubt that we would dedicate our film to her."

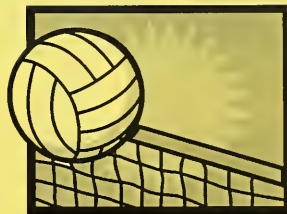
In a subtitle at the end of the documentary, the filmmakers thank the 70 million pilgrims who attained Nirvana, but even if you're not a believer, it's hard to deny the presence of avatars at the

Kumbh Mela, the Dalai Lama and Vanessa Ramos, just to name two. How serendipitous-or fateful-that Badazzo and Day captured them on film.
-Maria Garcia

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Intramural Volleyball by Steve Lentz



Co-ed Intramural Volleyball is held every Thursday evening. Games are highly competitive and action is fierce. The Orange Team, captained by Jennifer "Loaded Serve" Francis is in first place with a record of 10 wins and only two losses. The team includes Matt Livermore, Michael Crazy, and Justin Frederoski and is working as if they have played together for years.

In second place, with eight wins and four losses, is Becca Bruiser Krusey's team, the Badgers. Team members are Dallas The Quiet But Deadly Rodgers, Justin Cowboy Sines, and Zachary The Woz Wozniak.



In third place with a record of four wins and eight losses is the Infrared Pythons captained by Brianne Soft Spoken Vroman. Her team consists of Special "K" Kevin Anderson, David Wrong Shirt Eckert, and Cody The Quick Serve Wakefield.

In last place but with talent that is ready to burst open at any time is the Mohawks. With a record of two wins and 10 losses, this team has five members captained by Jessica The Slammer Baumer. Its team members consist of Josh Big Guy Karst, John Level-headed Miller, Chris Elastic Man Linaberry, and Jen Munchkin Minnich. Their record of close losses does not reflect their talent.



We have four more Thursday evening games followed by a banquet on April 14. If you have a little free time, and are not faint of heart, then come out Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to Rhoades Gym.

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Search for New Venango Voice Editor



In the last issue, I insinuated there would be an added benefit for next year's editor of the *Venango Voice*, and I can now tell you that...wait...keep reading. I will tell you.

First, I want to remind you that here at the *Voice*, we are conducting a search for next year's editor, a position I loath leaving. Unfortunately, duties will take me away from my beloved campus next year.

A couple of readers have expressed interest, but as of yet have not officially thrown their suit into the pool. The most common question has been, what are the duties of the editor? Others have stated they are not comfortable with their writing skills. This week I will try to address these questions and concerns.

The duties of the editor are really very simple; use Microsoft Publisher to produce a publication for the Venango Campus. Easily said you may say, but what does it take to produce this prestigious publication? First, do not worry about MS Publisher. If you are not familiar with the program, I can teach you how to use it in less than a day. In fact, there is a paid five hour (that is YOU are paid) training session for the new editor. Once you can use the program, everything else is gravy.

As editor, you are not expected to write every article, but you do need to search out people who will submit to the *Voice*. Admittedly, at times this can be difficult. Your friends and family will sometimes let you down; people and organizations will commit to an article and then never produce. As disappointing as it is, it can be dealt with. I will show the next

editor a little secret that has saved my butt in these situations.

As editor, you are expected to proofread submissions and make the needed corrections. For me, this has been the most difficult job duty. Requesting corrections from friends and family can be nerve racking. You also have to know when your corrections are changing the article from a work of the submitter to a work of yours. It is a fine line but one that has to be walked.

As editor you can, and should recruit a staff to work with. While the editor is a paid position, your staff is made up of volunteers (hopefully future editors). You should find an assistant editor—someone to proofread what you have proofread. A finance officer would be nice—someone to take care of the various financial matters. The more people you have on staff, the easier your job will be. As far as editor duties go, that is about it; you need to get the paper out.

The biggest concern expressed to me has been about one's writing ability. Please, please heed these next few words. You have proven yourself in many ways during your college career. The ability to write is one of them. That fact alone makes you skilled enough to edit and write for the *Venango Voice*. Did you know that most, if not all newspapers (The Derrick, Post-Gazette, etc.) are written on a sixth- to eighth-grade level? You are well past the eighth grade; you have the skills and knowledge to lead this publication. Your skills are not a question.

There are other benefits for the editor and staff of the *Voice*, including an office, access to a computer, and others I have written about before. What you want to know about is the newest benefit for next year's editor... Well I have arranged for the newest editor to attend the world-renowned Chautauqua Writers Festival, Thursday, June 14, through Sunday, June 17. During the four days, you will attend workshops with published writers from around the world. Your skills

as a writer/editor will increase many times over. If you are not familiar with this festival, it is a BIG deal. The following is taken from the Chautauqua Writers' Center Website:

The Chautauqua Writers' Center is a lively community of writers at all levels of development who cultivate the courage, craft, and vision necessary to grow as artists under the tutelage of nationally recognized authors. Started in 1987, the original core program of 18 summer workshops, readings, and lectures has grown to include the Chautauqua Writers' Festival, the Chautauqua Literary Journal, and an active support organization, Chautauqua Readers & Writers. Whether you are an accomplished writer looking for peer support, a novice striving to take your work to the next level, or simply an avid reader in love with all things literary, we welcome you and hope to see you at one of our many programs. (<http://writers.ciweb.org/home/>)

Your scholarship to the festival includes the costs of registration, a room (shared) in the facility's dorms, and meals. The only item not included is transportation, and you can ride with me. For more information, check the festival's Webpage at <http://writers.ciweb.org/writers-festival>.

I hope I have answered your questions or concerns about the editor's position. With the newest benefit, I expect some of you to jump into the pool of candidates for next year's editor. You had better hurry—time is running out. If you have any more questions please contact me at vvvoice@clarion.edu, stop by and see me in the Rhoades building Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Submissions should be sent in MS Word to the above e-mail address.



Clarion University–Venango Campus to Host Photography Exhibit



OIL CITY, PA—Clarion University–Venango Campus will host an art exhibit entitled “Clue,” showcasing the works of photographer Hope Edwards. The exhibit, based on the popular Parker Brothers board game, is sponsored by the campus’ Foods and Facilities Committee and will open with a reception in Robert W. Rhoades Center on Friday, March 23, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

Hope Edwards graduated in 1999 from New York University with a degree in photography and studio art. For the last seven years, she has worked in Washington, D.C., while continuing her education in graphic design at the Corcoran College of Art + Design.

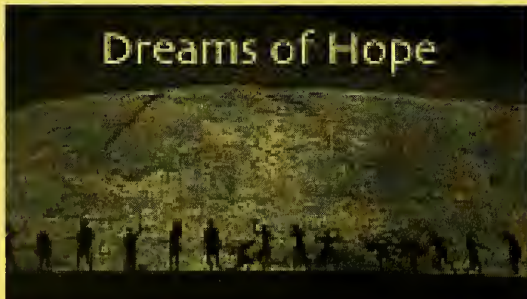
Edwards’ work will be on exhibit at the campus until May and will be available for sale by the artist after that time.



Dreams of Hope to Perform at Clarion University–Venango Campus

Dreams of Hope will present “Gay Youth in Good Faith” at Clarion University–Venango Campus on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 7 p.m. in Robert W. Rhoades Center Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Venango Campus Student Activities Board.

Dreams of Hope is a Pittsburgh-based non-profit gay/straight creative and performing arts group. Its mission is threefold: to create and perform art, to build leaders, and to educate audiences. The organization’s focus is on providing a



cost-free opportunity for youth to create and perform, coached by professional artists throughout the creative process from inception through performance.

Celebrating who they are through song, dance, drama, and the spoken word, these courageous youth speak out about their personal experiences as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, questioning, and straight youth of today.

For more information about

Dreams of Hope performances and the artists involved, contact Susan Haugh, artistic director, at (412) 361- 2065 or info@dreamsofhope.org, or visit www.dreamsofhope.org.

28th Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

The 28th Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony was held on March 3, 2007, at the Quality Inn and Conference Center, Franklin. The event was headed by Beth Jackson and Kelly Lander, Chapter Advisors for Phi Theta Kappa. Hallie Savage, Ph. D., Honors Program Director of Clarion University, was guest speaker. The new 2007-2008 inductees and officers are:

Maria Alfred (treasurer), Missy Asche, Heather Almond (co-vice president of membership), Cindy Bier (president), Brian Burnete, Holly Campbell, Brenda Ciancio (co-vice president of membership), Katina Drayer-Moore (vice president of community events), Esther Estes (co-vice president of public relations), Terry Fowler, Laura Holben, Joshua Karst, John Kerr, Dawn Linn, Matthew Livermoore, Jonathan McChesney, Christopher Morgan (co-vice president of public relations), Julie Olsen, Richard Schuster, Holly Seefried, Patty Shontz (secretary), Rachel Stanton (vice president of awards and hallmarks), Joseph Tackett (co-vice president of fundraising), Jamie Tafoya (co-vice president of fundraising), Teresa Wiskman, along with honorary member, Dr. Glenn McElhatten. Billie A. Schwab, B.S. Academic Empowerment Program Coordinator, provided music.



First row (kneeling): Holly Seefried, Maria Alfred, Cindy Bier, Shelly Moore, Jamie Tafoya. Second row: Holly Campbell, Hope Lineman, Esther Estes, Brenda Ciancio, Rachel Stanton, Missy Asche. Back row: Kelly Lander, Chris Morgan, Joseph Tackett, John Kerr, Heather Almond, Joshua Karst, Beth Jackson, Jonathan McChesney, Teresa Wiskman, and Dr. Glenn McElhatten.

OIL REGION JOB FAIR

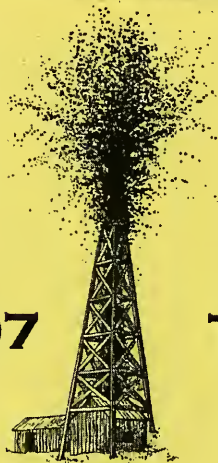
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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM SEARCHING FOR EDUCATION AND BUSINESS MAJORS



Mr. Butch Campbell, Junior Achievement district representative is searching for business and education majors willing to give an hour presentation each week for eight weeks at area schools. The mission of this program is to ensure every child in our region has a fundamental understanding of the American Free Enterprise System. The program educates

and inspires young people to value free enterprise, business and economics, and to improve their quality of life and the communities in which they live.

The program is a great resume builder for education majors and those enrolled in business courses since it encompasses the essential foundations of both majors. It's also a great way to positively influence local youth, especially those from low-income families and those who may not believe college can be a part of their future.

The initial training is 1½ hours. Clarion University students willing to participate receive a kit of standardized information for their curriculum and are assigned a class for a set period

each week. Grades 7 and 8 are priorities for these presentations.

Contact Mark Conrad by March 31 at mconrad@clarion.edu if you are willing to participate. A date for a formal meeting will then be scheduled and Campbell will answer questions at that time. It is anticipated that once a dedicated core group is formed, the program will be implemented for the Fall 2007 semester.



Interdenominational Christian Fellowship

By Hope Lineman

The Interdenominational Christian Fellowship student group has been attempting to meet Thursday mornings at 9 a.m., in the fourth floor lounge of Montgomery Hall. Attendance has been sporadic due to class schedules and family obligations. To accommodate everyone's schedules...we are moving on-line! Christina Bowlin, a member of ICF, has established an online site for discussion and a time of sharing. Please join us online at any time and post a

thought, join in on ongoing discussions or ask questions. I would encourage everyone to join us and to feel free to correspond back and forth with other postings.

ICF is a student organization like no other on campus! We simply share in a time of Christian fellowship. ICF is not based on any particular religion, nor are we looking to convert individuals into any particular belief system. It is a great way for individuals to connect and

share their experiences or knowledge, fellowship with fellow Christians of numerous denominations and to learn the stories of the Bible. ICF welcomes all employees and students of Venango Campus, whether you want to find out what Christianity's all about, want to give it another chance, or if you're just searching for faith. Please join us at geocities.com/i_c_f_venango.



Paris at sunset-<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Paris-sunset-panoramic.jpg>

Give Yourself a Scholarship! By Hope Lineman

Do you feel as if you're taking classes on subjects you already know? If so, CLEP is for you! What is CLEP? It is the College Level Examination Program which is a way for students to receive credit for what they already know. By earning qualifying scores on any one or more of the 34 CLEP tests, students receive credit for the non-major classes of their choice. The examinations test introductory-level knowledge that corresponds to courses in the disciplines of business, composition and literature, foreign languages, history and social sciences, and science and mathematics. While students obtain credit and not a letter grade, the cost is just a fraction of what a normal course would cost. The cost of a CLEP exam is just \$75, including the administration fee. CLEP exams are administered by a Certified CLEP Test Administrator and are completed via the computer right here at Venango Campus, which is an official test site. More than 2,900 institutions accept CLEP for college credit.

What are the student benefits of taking CLEP exams? The first is it aids in reducing student aid debt and or loan amounts. It also allows for quicker progression to higher-level courses, shortens the time students have in earning a degree, and decreases the redundancy of course work. It is also a lower-cost alternative to an extra semester for students who come up short in their final degree check. Most importantly, it allows for quicker identification of career goals by helping students move through undergraduate courses and into those related to their majors.

There are benefits to the university as well. When students CLEP out of a course, it allows more available seats in entry-level classes as students are able to take more advanced courses. It offers the advantage of improved "time-to-degree" performance, a measure of institutional accountability. CLEP also allows for a decreased graduate indebtedness, allowing the opportunity for increased alumni giving.

When should you consider taking a CLEP exam? It is recommended students consider CLEP early in their academic careers. Those students who typically take advantage of CLEP exams are that of transfer, international, returning adult and freshmen students who have taken accelerated programs during their junior and senior high school years. As you are looking at the courses that you need to take and wondering how you will pay for your education, give yourself a scholarship! Take a CLEP exam and shorten the time it takes to earn a degree, save money, and avoid repeating material you already know.

You may obtain more information on CLEP by visiting the College Board Website at www.collegeboard.com/highered/clep or stop by the Continuing Education office at 215 Frame Hall and pick up a student information packet with all of the details on how to prepare and how to register. Please discuss your intention to take a CLEP examination with your advisor in advance of registering for the exam.

The CLEP test dates remaining for the 2006-2007 academic year are:

Venango	Friday	April 20, 2007	8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
Venango	Friday	June 15, 2007	8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
Venango	Friday	August 17, 2007	8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
Venango	Friday	October 19, 2007	8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
Venango	Friday	December 21, 2007	8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events from the Athletic Department by William Lentz

The Spring 2007 Venango Campus Pool Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 21 starting at 10 a.m. All participants must be current Venango Campus Students.

The Spring 2007 Venango Campus Ping Pong Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 28 starting at 10 a.m. Participants must be current Venango Campus students. First-place winners receive a \$50 gift certificate and second-place winners receive a \$30 certificate to Wal-Mart.

Keep an eye out for the sign up sheets soon to be put out at the service desk by the elevator in Rhoades.

The fall 2006 winner of the Pool Tournament, for those who forgot, was Dallas Rodgers. Second place was taken by Justin Frederoski.

Intramural volleyball is winding down with two weeks left of the regular season. In first place is the Orange Team with a record of 14 wins and only two losses. There is still time left for the Yellow Team with a current record of 10 wins and six losses to come back and tie the Orange Team. Third place in the standings is the Red Team with a record of 5 wins and 11 losses. Bringing up the rear is the Black Team with a record of three wins and 13 losses. The last regular Thursday games will be played on April 12. The closing banquet will be April 14 with a playoff for all teams. Each team will play every team with the winners of the day being served by the losing teams.



Essay writing is a commonly used tool that checks your creative skills. Whether it is a five-

paragraph text for your high school essay writing or a story about yourself for college essays, you need one thing that keeps everything together – a thesis.

Thesis writing can turn into a real problem. Students often start wandering around the topic while writing an essay. A thesis has to be focused and specific enough to be “proven” within the boundaries of your essay paper. In order to fulfill successful thesis writing, focus on your topic. Do some research on it and ask yourself whether your theme is worthy of your efforts. The next step in thesis writing is deciding what the main idea is. Stating the main idea is essential in essay writing. If you don’t have it, you are lost in your own text. As a result, your essay writing lacks unity, and your readers don’t understand you.

On the other hand, a clearly defined thesis can also be of little help in writing an essay. Why? Because when you are writing a thesis, you are narrowing your topic down to a bearable amount of work. If a thesis is too broad, you end up lost in confusion.

When you are writing a thesis, think about the evidence to back it up. In your essay writing, always think about critical readers,

who will not be satisfied with only one or two facts. An essay paper must have a strong construction. All of your proofs must support your main idea. When you start writing an essay, make sure to put your thesis at the end of the introduction (if you are doing high school essay writing), or state it in the first two sentences (as you do in writing college essays). It is important to place it in the beginning of your text to make your position clear to the readers.

A thesis falls into three categories: statements of facts, statements about facts, and statements about statements. In thesis writing make sure you avoid the first category. Writing an essay is impossible if you have only a statement of a fact. Essay writing means thinking out loud. Try to do it by drawing a conclusion from your fact and you will get something that is already worth working on. But if in your thesis writing you chose to go further, you can end up with a provocative essay. And being provocative is quite important in essay writing.

Your thesis can also be analytical, explanatory, or argumentative.

In an analytical essay paper, you are breaking down an issue or an idea into its component parts, evaluating them, and presenting the breakdown and evaluation to your audience.

Explanatory thesis writing shows your idea and the methods you are using to draw a conclusion. An argumentative thesis is similar to provocative thesis writing.

Whatever you are stating – a proposal, an opinion, provoking statistics, etc. – your essay writing shows you want other people to disagree with you.

Don’t be surprised if your thesis changes a little while writing an essay. I don’t mean major changes of direction from draft to draft. When you become more acquainted with the topic, your controlling idea can obtain even a more specific shape. Some scholars call this process of thesis writing “a switch from tentative to definitive thesis.”

If in your essay writings you are still not satisfied with the controlling idea, put it aside for a couple of days. Thesis writing is not a quick process. The idea can pop up a little later. Go over your essay papers, maybe you missed something important.

The last important thing about essay writing is: don’t go over the evidence in the conclusion. You gave it your best shot in the body paragraph. It is better to remind the readers about your thesis and finish up by sharing your thoughts on the investigated topic.

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Suhr Library Hours

Spring Vacation

April 5 -10

Thursday & Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday Closed

Monday & Tuesday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Regular hours resume Wednesday, April 11



Boys and Girls

**Basketball Camp @ Venango
Campus**

Rhoades Center Gym

June 11 – 15

9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Clarion University Basketball Camp provides individualized teaching of basketball fundamentals. The camp includes shooting, individual development workouts, teaching of game strategies and mental approach.

Special features: 3-on-3 competition, skill and shooting contests.

Directed by: Dr. Ron Righter,
Clarion University Head Coach

Assistant Coaching Staff and
Collegiate Players

Ages: grades 4 - 11

Cost: \$90 per player

Registration Forms will be
available in the Administrative
Office in Frame Hall

New To Venango Campus This Summer

Environmental Sustainability

Sustainable Development is development that meets the needs of this generation AND ensures future generations can meet their needs. Because our human systems depend on the natural world for resources and use it as a sink for waste, protecting the environment is absolutely essential to living sustainably. To ensure future generations will be able to fulfill their needs, we all need to live sustainably NOW. Through music, lecture, video, and text, this course will teach you how to contribute to a sustainable world.

**Offered Pre-Session (May 14 -
June 1) Monday - Friday 11–1:40**



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When it
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PROJECT GRADUATION

Project Graduation was adopted as a civic engagement initiative in 2002 by Phi Theta Kappa. Nearly 440,000 food items and 355,000 books have been collected and donated to local community relief organizations.

April – May 2007, Alpha Delta Kappa, Clarion University of PA-Venango Campus local chapter, will be collecting canned goods and children's books.

Canned goods will be donated to the St. Patrick's Church food pantry in Franklin. Children's books will be donated to Child Development Center in Franklin.

Vote For Your Favorite Clue

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Student Senate is asking all students to vote on their favorite piece of art work from the Clue exhibit now hanging in Rhoades Center. The work that obtains the most votes will be purchased from the artist and displayed. Voting for your favorite piece will take place during the week of April 23 through April 28. A ballot box and ballots will be available at the Information Desk in Rhoades. Please choose wisely as art is subjective and this will remain on display forever!

Clue opening deemed a great success

Famed artist Hope Edwards deemed the opening of her *Clue* exhibit to be a great success. "I fell in love with your campus" she said "The views from your Rhoades Center are wonderful. I would like to come back someday and shoot some photographs." The following collage is from the opening.

REVOLVER

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Orange Team Wins Inaugural Intramural Volleyball

The Orange Team, headed by Team Captain Jennifer Francis, took the first-place trophy for the inaugural Venango Campus volleyball season.

Team Members include: Matt Livermore, Justin Frederoski and Michael Messmer.

Coagulations Orange Team for your award-winning season and to all other teams for a season to remember.



Student Senate Elections

by Fran Hyter

Student Senate Elections will be held April 25, 26, and 27. It is not too late to run for a position as a student senator. Positions open are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. This is your chance to become involved in the important decision making processes of your campus.

As president, you will set the agenda and tone for the duration of your term. As president, you will have the opportunity to make a true and meaningful difference on your campus.

As vice president, your duties will include assisting the president in

the running of the meetings and act in their stead when absence. You will also be responsible to chair various committees and develop programs to improve the campus.

As secretary, your duties will include transcribing and publishing minutes from each meeting in a timely and organized manner.

As treasurer, your duties will include tracking and logging all clubs and organizations expenditures. You also will be responsible for presenting an

organized and accurate expenditure report each meeting.

As senator, you will have the opportunity to attend a student government conference as well as local meetings of various campus and other local organizations.

It is not too late to pick up an application in the Rhoades Center; pick one up and make a real difference in the lives of your fellow students.

Don't forget to vote for your senators April 25 through 27.

OIL CITY SALVATION ARMY

CARE BOX

PHI THETA KAPPA DONATIONS

The Oil City Salvation Army has indicated there is a shortage of some essential items in their facility. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) has chosen to ask our members to pick an item from any of the following categories. Boxes will be available outside the Nursing Office in 218 Montgomery Hall. If would prefer to donate money, please give to Patti Shontz in Nursing, and items needed will be purchased. Please deliver your items by Monday, April 16. The items are as follows:

BABY DIAPERS OF ALL SIZES

TOILET PAPER IN SINGLE ROLLS

TOOTHBRUSHES

HAIR BRUSHES

DEODORANT

BARS OF SOAP

TOWELS

WASH CLOTHS

BLANKETS

QUESTIONS: pshontz@clarion.edu or s_pshontz@clarion.edu

More PHI THETA KAPPA

News

by Esther M Estes

Phi Theta Kappa hosted its sixth annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on March 19 in the dining hall of Rhoades Center. More than thirty faculty and staff attended the event. The catered lunch was provided by Karen Lutz of Oil City. The door prize winners included the following: Phil Shuffstall - \$25 gift certificate for Primo Barone's (donated by Phi Theta Kappa), Carrie Forden - \$25 gift certificate for TGI Fridays (donated by the Psychology Club), Glenn McElhattan - \$25 gift certificate for Staples (donated by the Ski Club), Beth Jackson - \$25 gift certificate for the Prime Outlet Stores (donated by PSEA), Gina Knox - \$25 gas card for Cigo (donated by PSEA), and Billie Schwab - two tickets for the Victoria Princess Dinner Cruise (donated by CAB).

Phi Theta Kappa held its sixth annual Community Easter Party on Saturday, March 24 at Clarion University-Venango Campus. More than 30 excited children and their families enjoyed games, crafts, refreshments and an Easter egg hunt. Additionally, face painting and balloons were provided by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Butler of Oil City. The day was rounded out with an appearance by the Easter Bunny. Six lucky children received Easter basket door prizes. Each child donated a nonperishable food item or a children's book that will be forwarded to local charities. The event is held each year around the Easter season for families affiliated with the campus as well as families in the surrounding communities.



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!Get Out and Vote!



Student Senate Elections

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Final Volleyball Standings Released

The Spring 2007 Clarion University Venango Campus Intramural Volleyball held the closing banquet on Sunday, April 15.

The season was a huge success with four teams competing. The Orange Team with Captain Jen Francis, and Justin Frederoski, Matt Livermore and Mike Messmer finished in first place with a record of 17 wins and 3 losses. Each member of the Orange Team received a trophy.

The Yellow Team, of Dallas Rodgers, Justin Sines, and Zack Wozniak and captained by Becca Krusey, finished in second place with a record of 12 wins and 8 losses.

The third-place Red Team, captained by Brianne Vroman, with team members Kevin Anderson, Dave Eckert, and Cody Wakefield, finished with a record of 7 wins and 13 losses.

In last place, with a record of 3 wins and 17 losses, was the Black Team of Josh Karst, Chris Linaberry, John Miller, and Jen Minich and captained by Jessica Baumer.

In Fall 2007, we plan on having another Intramural Volleyball season. Games will be on Thursday evenings, so check your schedules and look for announcements the first full week of classes.



Everyone is a winner when they get involved in their campus

Guess Who Photographs Requested

Can you guess who this photograph is? No hints this week, but there will be some soon.

As the school year is quickly coming to a close, I am requesting photographs.

Do you have any photos of events from the year you would like to see in the farewell issue?

If so, get them to me this week. You can either give to me in person and I will scan them and return them to you, or you can e-mail digital files to me at vvoice@clarion.edu.

Be sure to add an explanation of who and when they were taken.

Thanks in advance,

Doug



Both are real charmers.
Go Clarion Gators?

Editorial Misconduct by Doug Bussell **GAS WAR - an idea that WILL**



This was originally sent by a retired Coca Cola executive.

It came from one of his engineer buddies who retired from Halliburton. It's worth your consideration.

Join the resistance! I hear we are going to hit close to \$4 a gallon by next summer and it might go higher! Want gasoline prices to come down? We need to take some intelligent, united action. Phillip Hallsworth offered this good idea.

This makes MUCH MORE SENSE than the "don't buy gas on a certain day" campaign that was going around last April or May! The oil companies just laughed at that because they knew we wouldn't continue to "hurt" ourselves by refusing to buy gas. It was more of an inconvenience to us than it was a problem for them.

BUT, whoever thought of this idea, has come up with a plan that can really work. Please read on and join with us! By now you're probably thinking gasoline priced at about \$1.50 is super cheap. Me too! It is currently \$2.79 for regular unleaded in my town. Now that the oil companies and the OPEC nations have conditioned us to think that the cost of a gallon of gas is CHEAP at \$1.50 - \$1.75, we need to take aggressive action to teach them that BUYERS control the marketplace..... not sellers.

With the price of gasoline going up more each day, we consumers need to take action. The only way we are going to see the price of gas come down is if we hit someone in the pocketbook by not purchasing their gas! And, we can do that WITHOUT hurting ourselves. How? We all rely on our cars; we can't just stop buying gas. But we CAN have an impact on gas prices if we all act together to force a price war.

Here's the idea:

For the rest of this year, DON'T purchase ANY gasoline from the two biggest companies (which now are one), EXXON and MOBIL. (Add Citgo to your list.) (Editors Note: Citgo is owned in part by the Venezuelan government, a country that has signed alliance agreements with Iran and vowed to attack the United States if we or the United Nations takes actions against Iran.) If they are not selling any gas, they will be inclined to reduce their prices. If they reduce their prices, the other companies will have to follow suit.

But to have an impact, we need to reach literally millions of Exxon and Mobil gas buyers. It's really simple to do! Now, don't wimp out at this point...keep reading and I'll explain how simple it is to reach millions of people.

I am sending this note to 30 people. If each of us sends it to at least ten more ($30 \times 10 = 300$) ... and those 300 send it to at least ten more ($300 \times 10 = 3,000$)...and

so on, by the time the message reaches the sixth group of people, we will have reached more than THREE MILLION consumers. If those three million get excited and pass this on to 10 friends each, then 30 million people will have been contacted! If it goes one level further, you guessed it..... THREE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE!

Again, all you have to do is send this to 10 people. That's all. (If you don't understand how we can reach 300 million and all you have to do is send this to 10 people.... Well, let's face it, you just aren't a mathematician. But I am, so trust me on this one.

How long would all that take? If each of us sends this e-mail out to 10 more people within one day of receipt, all 300 MILLION people could conceivably be contacted within the next 8 days!

I'll bet you didn't think you and I had that much potential, did you?

Acting together we can make a difference. If this makes sense to you, please pass this message on. I suggest that we not buy from EXXON/MOBIL UNTIL THEY LOWER THEIR PRICES TO THE \$1.30 RANGE AND KEEP THEM DOWN.

THIS CAN REALLY WORK

Thanks to Cindy Busch for sending me this outstanding example of the power we consumers have. Lets use the power we have before it is taken away from us.



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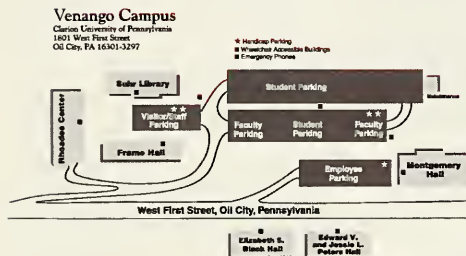
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April 20, 2007

Awards for Outstanding Students

Associate Degree Awards

Arts and Sciences (AA).....	Hope Lineman
Business Administration (AS).....	Ashley McCauley
Early Childhood Education (AS).....	Michelle Reed
Industrial Technology (AAS-IT).....	Julie Olsen
Legal Business Studies (AS).....	Kim Conway
Nursing (ASN).....	Dawn Linn
Criminal Justice (AS).....	Jonathan McChesney
Rehabilitative Services (AS).....	Veronica McCauley

Baccalaureate Degree Awards

Nursing (BSN).....	Amy Winger
Radiologic Science (BS).....	Janice Zacherl

Master's Degree Award

Nursing (MSN).....	Dawn Schrader
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Contribution to Student Life

Student Life	Abby Essigmann
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Final '06-'07 Issue

I Thank You All



The headline says it all; this is the final issue of the *Venango Voice*

for the 2006-2007 school year. It has been a wonderful experience for me. The list of people I need to thank would fill this and another issue. I would like to thank Hope Lineman; she was the most prolific of the writers who contributed to this year's *Voice*. Hope saved me on more than one occasion when material was scarce. I also am in debt to Evan Basham; his sports articles were both informative and humorous. His undying loyalty to the Pittsburgh sports community is commendable; his knowledge of Clarion University sports is astounding.

I also wish to thank Fran Hyter; she wins the award for most articles submitted with a twisted arm. She always smiled as she produced another article for the paper; however, I know it was the superglue in my chair that kept her banging away at the keyboard.

Abby Essigman deserves my thanks as she, more than once, supplied material on very short notice.

A big thank-you goes to Dr. Joan Huber, advisor for the *Venango Voice*; she allowed me free rein of the campus news outlet, until something needed correcting. When needed, she corrected my deficiencies in such a manner that allowed me to think I had corrected the problem on my own. I only hope some of her style and flair rubbed off on me.

I would like to thank Emily Aubele, director of Student Affairs. It would be a lie if I said I did not enjoy pushing the envelope with Emily. Every time I tried to shock or surprise her, she would give me that famous Emily look and tell me "it's okay" or it "looks good." I tried so hard to make her squirm, but she never produced even one droplet of sweat.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the students of Venango Campus. The students make this paper a reality; if it was not for the students, there would be no paper. If your name is not on this short list, please do not think I have forgotten you; everyone who helped me create this campus publication has left a mark on me.

I thank you all,

Doug

Editor for 07/08 Year Named

The staff and faculty of your campus newspaper are proud to name Amy Sterner as editor of the *Venango Voice* for the 2007-2008 school year. Amy brings to the *Voice* enumerable ideas all designed to make the *Venango Voice* better than it already is. Her enthusiasm is contagious and endless. She reports she is already looking for staff and contributors. I eagerly await her first issue.

Good luck Amy!

Words From Your New Editor

My name is Amy Sterner and I am your new editor for next year's *Voice*. I am looking forward to this position and to bringing you the goings on at Clarion University-Venango Campus. As your new editor, my goals are to be honest, helpful, friendly, and reliable. I will do my best to make sure you are getting the best news possible. I am searching for staff members and other students who would be willing to contribute articles on a part-time basis. If you have ideas, questions, or want to write for the *Venango Voice*, e-mail Dr. Joan Huber or me at vvoice@clarion.edu. I will be more than happy to help you in any way I can. While my tenure does not start until the Fall Semester, I look forward to hearing from you.

Amy



Clarion University–Venango Campus Honors Student Achievement



More than 200 students and their families attended Clarion University–Venango Campus' Honors Night celebration at the Quality Inn in Franklin on Friday.

April 20, 2007. The annual event recognizes the achievement of students receiving scholarships and those who excel academically and in leadership positions. Outstanding Student Awards, Special Achievement Awards, and Dean's List certificates were presented to the student honorees. "This is a proud occasion for our honorees and their families," said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of Venango Campus. "On behalf of the entire university, I'd like to offer a special thanks to our scholarship donors and sponsors. Your commitment and generosity are inspiring and we are extraordinarily grateful to all of you."

Dr. David B. Lott, assistant professor of biology and coordinator of the new Venango Campus Honors Program, gave the keynote address, encouraging students "to work hard and know you all have the capacity to do whatever you want as long as you believe in yourself."

Professor Beth Jackson, advisor to Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society since 1999, was honored for her service with a plaque presented by students Hope Lineman and Maria Alfred.

Scholarship sponsors for the spring awards included Representative Ronald E. Black, Clarion University–Venango Campus, Clarion University–Venango Campus Endowment Fund, Frank Clark, Jack A. Coogan, Galaxy Federal Credit Union, The Derrick Publishing Company, Dr. Thomas A. Gardner, Gent, Gent and Snyder, Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, William Huber Memorial Fund, E.M. McCord Memorial Fund, Dr. Glenn McElhattan, Mu Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Pennzoil, Oil City Rotary Club, Oil City Lions Club, PHEAA Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Phillips Charitable Trust, Regional Vision, Dorothy May Story Smith, Second Presbyterian Women, UPMC Northwest Auxiliary, Greg Vayda Memorial, and Zonta Club.

Fourteen students were selected by their peers and Venango Campus faculty for the Outstanding Student Award. Academic honors were presented by Dr. Ellen Foster,

faculty chair, to Hope Lineman, Arts and Sciences; Ashley McCauley, Business Administration; Michelle Reed, Early Childhood Education; Julie Olson, Industrial Technology; Kim Conway, Paralegal Studies; Dawn Linn, Nursing (ASN); Jonathan McChesney, Criminal Justice; Veronica McCauley, Rehabilitative Services; Amy Winger, Nursing (BSN); Janice Zacherl, Radiologic Science; and Dawn Schrader, Nursing (MSN).

Emily Aubele, director of Student Affairs, presented Abby Essigmann with the Contribution to Student Life Award.

The Clarion University–Venango Campus Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to the following students at the ceremony:

- Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield Scholarship: Gwendolyn Snively, a nursing major from Franklin.
- Dr. Glenn R. McElhattan Scholarship: Melissa Asche, a nursing major from Venus; Andrew Tygert, an education major from Franklin; Sarah Johnson, an education major from Oil City; Marcia Nageotte, a nursing major from Cochranton; Heather Swarm, who is from Oil City and is majoring in physics and cooperative engineering; and Nicole Scott, a nursing major from North Huntingdon.
- Gent Gent & Snyder and Greg Vayda Memorial Scholarships: Kevin Hazlett, a paralegal studies major from Titusville.
- Dr. & Mrs. A.W. Phillips in memory of William J. McFate and Judge William E. Breene: Malerie Petergal, a nursing major from Conneaut Lake; Amber McMillen, a psychology major from Oil City; Amber Delp, a radiologic sciences major from Oil City; Marietta Alfred, a psychology major from Tionesta; Lisa Byers, a nursing major from Tidioute; Kelly Bish, a nursing major from Glen Campbell; Michelle Moore, a respiratory care major from Oil City; and William Fetty, a respiratory care major from Sandy Lake.
- Derrick Publishing Company Endowed Scholarship to honor the memory of Edward P. Boyle: Andrew Basham.
- Oil City Rotary Club Scholarship: Mat-
- thew McClellan, a computer science major from Oil City and Brittany Swires, a nursing major from Franklin.
- Pennzoil: Matthew Livermore, an industrial technology major from Cambridge Springs Ronald E. Black Scholarship: Robert Snively, a radiologic sciences major from Franklin.
- Frank Clark Scholarship: Ashley Baughman, a nursing major from Franklin, and Louise Card, a radiology and biology major from Oil City.
- Galaxy Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Jessica Bergin, a radiologic sciences major from Utica.
- William Huber Memorial Scholarship: Timothy Hynes, an elementary education major from Oil City.
- Regional Vision: Rachel Stanton, a nursing major from Mercersburg, and Katrina Kahle, a business administration major from Knox.
- Oil City Lions Club Scholarship: Stephen Fox, a criminal justice major from Oil City.
- UPMC Northwest Auxiliary Scholarship: Jhoanelyn Brandt, a nursing major from Seneca, and Jennifer Minich, a nursing major from Knox.
- Second Presbyterian Women Scholarship: Jamie Myers-Huff, a nursing major from Utica; Andrea Stiller, a respiratory care major from Oil City; and Dawn Linn, a nursing major from Franklin.
- Clarion University–Venango Campus Scholarship: Katie Rufener, a radiologic sciences major from Burghill, Ohio; Gina Thurston, a nursing major from Rimersburg, and Andrew Tygert.
- Dr. Thomas A. Gardner Scholarship: Jennifer Cornell, a radiologic sciences major from Franklin.
- Clarion University–Venango Campus Endowment Fund: Jayme Millar, a sociology major from Oil City; Mark Siler, an education major from Franklin; Lori Costello, a nursing major from Tionesta; and Jennifer Cornell.

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- Zonta Club: Kathryn Burdick, a business and finance major from Seneca, and Jamie Myers-Huff, a nursing major from Franklin.

Additional Scholarship Committee scholarships are available for students who apply for summer, fall, and spring terms. For more information, contact the office of La-Trobe Barnitz, coordinator of Admissions and Financial Aid at 676-6591, extension 1211.

Scholarships were also awarded through the School of Nursing and Allied Health to the following students:

- Rosemary Coogan Endowed Scholarship: Marcy Snyder Dorothy May Story Smith: Ashley Weaver
- Dr. & Mrs. Arthur. W. Phillips Scholarship: Amanda Collette
- E. M. McCord Memorial Scholarship: Joseph Kollar.
- Pauline Thompson Nursing Education Scholarship: Dawn Linn.
- Nightingale Awards of PA and Kaster Insurance Company Scholarship: Leigh Weaver
- Mu Xi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau: Robin Bilan, Leah Chmielewski, Charlotte Vermeulen and Amy Winger

In addition, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Foundation awarded Nursing Education Scholarships to 108 nursing students in associate, bachelor's and master's programs at the Venango Campus.

Congratulations to all.

Health Career Camp to be held at Clarion University–Venango Campus

Oil City, PA — An innovative “hands on” health career camp featuring area health professionals will be held June 11-15 at Clarion University–Venango Campus in Oil City. High school students in grades 9 through 11 from northwest Pennsylvania are given the opportunity through a collaborative effort with the Northwest Healthcare Industry Partnership, Northwest Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center (NWPAAHEC), and Clarion University–Venango Campus. UPMC Northwest is also participating in the camp.

There is no charge for the students who are accepted to the camp. Interested students may apply online at www.nwpaahec.org where they can also learn more about the camp and AHEC. Seats are limited and very few remain. Costs are covered by grants, AHEC, Clarion University–Venango Campus, UPMC Northwest, and local businesses. All speakers from the college and hospital are generously donating their time and talents to the camp.

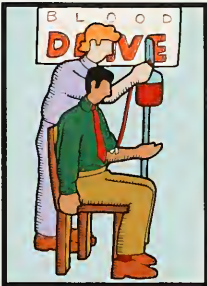
The Northwest Healthcare Industry Partnership is a volunteer collaboration of organizations working to increase the number of quality workers in the healthcare workforce through employee training, promotion of healthcare careers and, supporting efforts to help alleviate job shortages. The partnership is a pivotal resource for improving the healthcare industry in our region. The AHEC is a nationwide health care workforce development, recruitment, and retention agency that is funded partially by the state and federal government. As part of its mission, the AHEC encourages youth to enter health careers so that they may return to provide services to the rural and underserved communities throughout the region.

Camp attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the most needed health professions from actual health professionals in the region. J.W. Wallace, RODC from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Office of Diversity, will provide a discussion on the importance of cultural sensitivity in healthcare and some of the situations healthcare personnel encounter. Students will learn about diversity and the need to eliminate disparities in health care.

To enhance their learning, students will be exposed to 12 different health careers over the course of the week. They will also be given a job-shadowing experience at UPMC Northwest. Clarion University–Venango Campus admissions staff will teach students and parents how to prepare and apply for college or other advanced education. The week will culminate in a “Grand Rounds” presentation of case studies done by the students during the week.

“We want to reach students early, to provide them with career choices before their minds are set. The career camp will allow them a wide variety of experience that will be fun and informational,” according to Jane A. Mullinax, M.Ed., camp director. “Our goal is to create a health professions pipeline that will help the region in its efforts to eliminate disparities in health care.”

PHI Theta Kappa Outstanding Public Service



Phi Theta Kappa held their semi-annual blood drive, through the American Red Cross, Oil City Chapter, on April 19, 2007. Through the aid of 31 volunteers, several pints of blood were collected. Two participants, Aimee

Myers and Jonathan McChesney; who each won a \$25 gift card for Country Fair. If you have never donated blood before, please consider doing so. Your support means so much to so many. Thank you to all who participated this year. Hope to see you in the fall.



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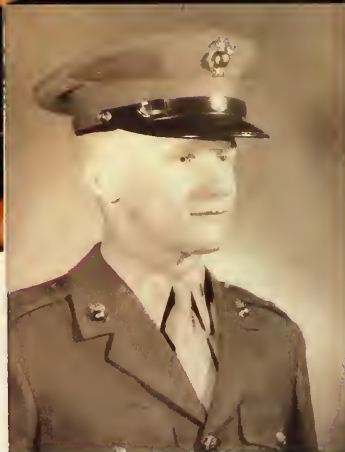
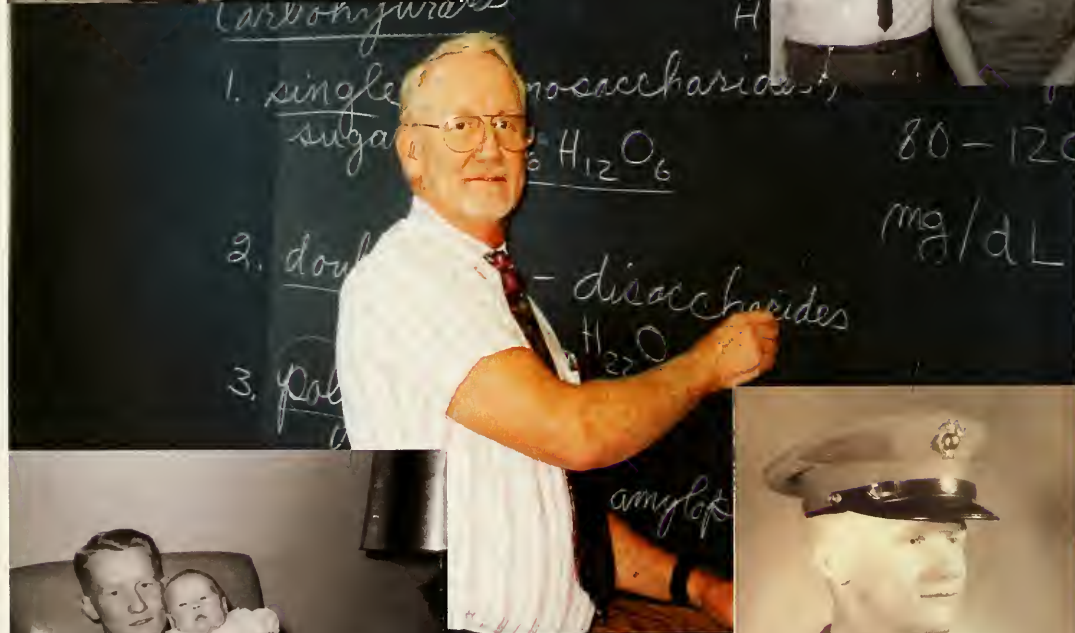
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....His Touch Will Be Missed



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